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And he the man whom Nature's selfe had made, To mock her selfe, and Truth to imitate With kindly counter" under mimic shade,— Our pleasant Willy.

And it is grateful also to think that Shakspeare fully appreciated Spenser, and wrote the fine sonnet in which are the lines

Spenser to me, whose deep conceit is such As passing all conceit, needs no defence!

and to believe that the lines

The thrice three Muses mourning for the death Of learning, late deceas'd in beggary,

were inserted in the 'Midsummer Night's Dream' by our "pleasant Willy" in grief and anger at his beloved poet dying in the January preceding, overwhelmed with penury and calamity. Turning, however, from these examples, all taken from his smaller works, to the contemplation of the gorgeous monument he has erected to his Queen, his country and his age, the mind is lost in amazement at the grandeur and serenity and fertility of his genius, which has found expression for the same delightful qualities of his heart and mind by the invention of still more gorgeous forms of homage to all that the human mind will eternally adore. In this paradise of sweet and strange sights and sounds which he has created for us, his spirit is ever present, like a royal magician, unfolding to our eyes endless vistas of enjoyment, leading us amid the recesses of satyrhaunted forest and pathless wilds to castles and palaces of enchantment, and raising up for us innumerable

Shapes of delight and mystery and fear,

but never alluring us out of sight of the great constellations of morality, purity and truth. The purity and chastity of Spenser's pages are indeed marvellous when we consider the extent of ground he has gone through, the character of his age, and the licentious examples of the Italian romantic epics which he had before him; nowhere is this purity more remarkable than in the third book, containing the legend of Britomartis or of Chastity, where the contrast of Malecasta and Britomartis is most beautifully conceived, and the dignity and purity of the warrior virgin most felicitously exalted by the mistake of Malecasta. No mind but one of the utmost delicacy could have invented the incident of the night scene in the first canto in that book. The story of the Squire of Dames in this book is, however, the only instance of cynicism which, we believe, is to be found in Spenser; and this he owes to the perilous prompting of Ariosto; the passage is quite at variance with the general tenor of the poem and the spirit of his life. The absence of this quality is the more remarkable as it is clear that Spenser was always in conflict with the necessities of existence and with the world. He never possessed long that repose so necessary to the continuous production of a great work of Art. Although he enjoyed the patronage of some of the greatest men of the day he was always unfortunate, either in their death or their falling into disfavour. Sydney

With kindly counterfeit of mimic representation.

died, Leicester died, Lord Grey of Wilton fell into disfavour, as also did Raleigh. His necessity of residence in a country so disturbed as Ireland must have been almost as painful for so cultivated a nature as the banishment of Ovid to the shores of the Euxine. Although his grant of land was considerable, the unsettled state of the country and the indeterminate nature of his rights involved him in suits and contestations. Whether he was so poor as his writings would lead us to believe, and whether his misfortunes were the result of Burleigh's animosity, are disputed points on which we cannot enter now. Camden says, by the fate of poets he was always poor; and in Fletcher's 'Purple Island' we read—

Poorly (poore man!) he lived; poorly (poore man!) he died.

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The sisters three
The honor of that noble familie
Of which I meanest boast myself to be,
And most that unto them I am so nie.

Spenser himself has summed up all the information we possess of this kind in these lines of the 'Prothalamion':

At length they all to mery London came, To mery London my most kindly nurse, That to me gave this Life's first native sourse, Though from another place I take my name, An house of ancient fame.

To come out of the regions of surmise into We know that Spenser proceeded to Cambridge; that he was admitted as a sizar of Pembroke Hall on the 20th of May 1569; that he passed to the degree of B.A. on the 16th of January 1573, and was made a Master of Arts on the 26th of June 1576. It was at Pembroke Hall—of which College it must be remembered that Gray and Mason were subsequently Fellows—that Spenser first made the acquaintance of Gabriel Harvey, who became one of the men of mark of his time. Harvey was about seven years older than Spenser, and was originally of Christ's College, but was elected to a Fellowship of Pembroke Hall in the year after Spenser's matriculation in the University. Another of Spenser's college friends was Edmund Kirke, who has, with every appearance of probability, been identified with "E. K." who wrote the Introductory Epistle and the Notes to the 'Shepheard's Calendar.' We know from one of Harvey's letters that he took pupils at Cambridge, and the conjecture is that Spenser and Kirke were under his tuition. At any rate Harvey was a man of general culture, with a sincere love of letters, much given to Italian, and beginning already to be known among the wits and men of fashion of the day. Later, indeed, he became notorious for his pamphlet war with the redoubtable Thomas Nash. He was on good terms with Sir Philip Sydney—indeed, Nash has a gibe at him for affecting "to take the wall of Sir Philip in his Venetian velvet." Nevertheless, his letters and intercourse with Spenser prove that he had an affectionate heart, capable of sincere friendship, and that if his taste and advice in literary matters were sometimes questionable, from his admiration for the Latinated forms of English verse, then on their trial and much practised by the wits, yet the commendatory verses signed "Hobbinol," at the commencement of the 'Fairy Queen,' prove that he could write purely and finely in English metre, that he enjoyed his friends' success, and had no envy in his nature. That Spenser and Harvey should have mutual attractions for each other at this period is rendered more natural by the precocity of Spenser's genius, for in the same year that he became a resident at Cambridge he was already an author. In May 1569, John Vander Nordt, a Flemish physician, resident in England, published a volume called 'A Theatre, &c. for Voluptuous Wordlings,' to which Spenser contributed translations from the Visions of Bellay and Petrarch.

After leaving Cambridge, in 1576, we learn from the notes and the text of the 'Shepherd's Calendar,' that Spenser went to the north to visit the family from whom he was immediately

But gations to have settled at Hurstwood, in Lancashire. Here it was that he fell in love with the "widow's daughter of the glenne," the fair Rosalinde, an unfortunate passion, which became almost proverbial among the poets of the day. Rosalinde, E. K. says, is a "feigned name, which being well ordered, will bewray the very name of his love and mistress." Who she was is unknown, but she must have made a lifelong impression upon him, as in 'Colin Clout's come Home again, supposed to have been written in 1591, he speaks of his attachment in lines which ought always to be quoted in a life of Spenser, inasmuch as they show the chivalric loyalty, courtesy and constancy of his nature. In that pastoral Colin (who is Spenser) replies thus to the reproach of "scorne and foul despite" cast upon Rosalinde :-

Ah, shepherds, then said Colin, ye ne weet How great a gult upon your heads ye draw; To make so bold a doom with words unmeet, Of things Celestial, which ye never saw. For she is not like as the other crew of Shepherd's daughters which amongst you bee, But of divine regard and heavenly hue, Excelling all that ever ye did see.

Not then to her that scorned thing so base, But to myself the blame that lookt so hie:

So hie thoughts as she herself have place, And loath each lowly thing with loftie eie. Yet so much grace let her vouchsafe to grant Yet so much grace let her vouchsafe to grant To simple swains, sith her I may not love Yet that I may her honour paravant, And praise her worth, though far my wit above. Such grace shall be some guerdon for the griefe And long affliction which I have endured. Such grace sometimes shall give me some relief, And ease of pain, which cannot be recured: And ye, my fellow shepherds, which do see And hear the languors of my too long dying, Unito the world for ever witnesse bee, That hers I die, nought to the world denying This simple trophe of her great conquest. Yet so much grace let her vouchsafe to grant

It must be remembered that these lines were written fourteen years after his rejection by Rosalind, as told in the June Eclogue of the Shepherd's Calendar.' However, it would be trading unfairly on the sympathies of our readers if we did not recall the fact, that in the letters of Harvey and Spenser "another little Rosalind"appears to have been on intimate terms with Spenser in April 1580; for he writes a postscript in Latin to Harvey, in which he says, "meum corculum" (my little heart) desired many remembrances—jamdiu mirata—having long wondered why her letters were not answered; and that Harvey replies to his question in the same tongue, in a gallant manner, and ends his eulogy by the significant epitome, Quid quæris, altera Rosalindula est? It is difficult, certainly, to escape from the conviction that another "little Rosalind" was in the field; and could we connect her in any way with the discovery by Mr. Collier of the existence of an infant named Florence, and recorded to be the daughter of Edmund Spenser in the baptismal register of St. Clement Danes, our worst fears about the constancy of Spenser would be substantiated. The entry thus discovered by Mr. Collier, and which forms a new probability as to Spenser which deserves attention, stands thus:—"26 August (1587) Florenc Spenser, the daughter of Edmond." Mr. Collier is of opinion that this was a legitimate daughter of our poet, and that he was consequently married and a widower previous to his alliance with Elizabeth in 1595; but the only argument which he brings in favour of such a view is, that Florence is such a name as Spenser would be likely to choose, partly from his Italian and poetical associations, and partly because Florence was the name of the wife of Edmund Lord Grey of Wilton, who died in 1511, "which name we may well believe to have continued a favourite appellation during the next generations." These are arguments of so highly imaginative a character as to be descended, and who appear from late investi- of infinitesimally small value; nor can we lay

any stress on another reason which Mr. Collier adduces, namely, that in looking over the church registers of that period he can find no memorandum relating to any Edmund Spenser, which he submits proves that the two names Edmund and Spenser are an unusual combination. Independently of the fact of so many registers having perished in the Great Fire, there are two Edmond Spensers already mentioned in this article, neither of whom is proved to be the poet's father, and the latter Edmund may have been the father of Florence. It does not, indeed, appear that Spenser could have been in England at this time. Moreover, an attentive perusal of the Sonnets and 'Epithalamion' will, we should think, convince most readers that Spenser had never before been a married man, Not only does he in the sixty-first Sonnet speak of himself as one "untrainde in Lovers' trade, but it is hardly conceivable that a poet who could write so passionately and tenderly should have been married before, and leave no trace of it in his poems. The altera Rosalindula may have been a relative to whom his friend was attached, or may have been a passing flame of Spenser, without much disparagement to the permanence of Spenser's earlier attachment. No one doubts the sincerity of the passion which Dante felt for Beatrice, although she had to rebuke him for some inconsis-tencies in the 'Paradiso.' It is a pity that poets have fallen and do fall in love without reflecting that professors will lecture and antiquaries sit in judgment on their attachments and infidelities for all future time.

Mr. Collier gives us no grounds for doubting that, by the advice of Harvey, Spenser came from the north to London in 1578, and was introduced by Harvey to Sir Philip Sydney, who presented him to the Earl of Leicester, in whose household he appears to have had some kind of occupation, as one of his letters to Harvey is dated from Leicester House. 'The Shepheard's Calendar' came out the year after Spenser's arrival in London; he was now twenty-five years of age, and in the interval which had elapsed since his first publication in the 'Theatre for Voluptuous Worldlings' had, besides his academical studies, used a great deal of literary activity. We hear of various poetical and prose attempts which have not come down to us separately. Some of these compositions, such as the 'Legends and Court of Cupid,' appear to have been afterwards worked into the 'Fairy Queen'; others, called 'The Dying Pelicane,' 'Stemmata Dudleiana,'

&c., have never come down to us. For the two letters which enable us to catch a glimpse of Spenser in his London life we are indebted to Harvey's love of notoriety and his ardent partisanship of what was then called the "English Reformed Versifying"-the attempt to write English verse according to the rules of prosody of Greek and Latin, a delusion which Harvey shared with Sydney and Dyer and many of the wits of the time, and of which Spenser also for a short time partook. For Harvey, who had now become a Fellow of Trinity Hall, published some of his letters to Spenser, in which he treated on the new style of versification, and included two of Spenser's among them. It is evident from these letters, as well as from the Sonnet to Harvey, published six years later, that Spenser was sincerely attached to Harvey, and stood in awe of his judgment. Spenser's Sonnet in particular, dated from Dublin, 1586, gives us a fair idea of Harvey, and deserves quotation:-

To the most worshipful my singular good friend, M. Gabriel Harvey, Doctor of Laws.

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Ne fawnest for the favour of the great;
Ne faearest foolish reprehension
Of faulty men, who, danger to thee threat,
But freely doest of what thee list entreat,
Like a great lord of peceless liberty;
Lifting the Good up to High Honour's seat
And the Evill damning evernore to dy;
For life and death are in your doomful writing,
So thy renown lives ever by endighting.
Your devoted friend during life,
EDMUND SPENSER.

From these letters of Spenser and Harvey, it appears that Spenser was on familiar terms with Sydney and Dyer,—that English hexameters and pentameters continued to occupy the attention of the gentlemen of City and Court,—that Harvey's verses and character were considered highly commendable,—that Holingshed was supplying Spenser with geo graphical information for a poem, to be called 'Epithalamion Thamesis,'—and that Spenser had notions of being sent abroad on the business of the Earl of Leicester.

The two friends send each other their verses, constructed after the new fashion, -whose inapplicability, however, Spenser is beginning to see, and humorously describes how English words, when read according to quantity, seem sometimes "like a lame gosling that draweth one leg after her, or like a lame dogge that holds up one legge."

There is one passage which is curiously illustrative both of the times and of his intimacy with Harvey. After some hexameters of his own composing, he asks-"Seem they comparable to those which I translated you extem-pore in bed, the last time we lay together in Westminster?"

In Spenser's second letter we learn that he has sent part of the 'Fairy Queen,' now begun, for Harvey's opinion; and, to make allowances for Harvey's discouraging reply, we must remember that the Gods had not made him epical,-that he was of a light, humorous satirical turn in his likings,—and that he had spurred Spenser on to the line of sonnets, pastorals and Latinated English verse. It appears that Spenser had sent some comedies, together with his 'Fairy Queen,' and had expressed the ambitious hope that he should in his new epic "overgo" Ariosto. Harvey, of course, had not the whole 'Faerie Queene' before him as it now stands, but only a small portion, and that he appears to have read in haste. His reply to Spenser is in the tone of banter and light humour. In the course of his letter he tells Spenser to think upon Petrarch's

Arbor vittoriosa trionfale Onor d'imperadori e di poete.

"And perhaps it will advaunce the wynges of your imagination a degree higher, at the least, if anything can be added to the loftiness of his conceit, whom gentle Mistress Rosalinde once reported to have all the intelligences at commandement, and another time christened him Seignior Pegaso." He jests with Spenser about the possibility of "living by Dying Pelicanes, and purchasing great landes and lordshippes with the money which his Calendars and his Dreames (the Visions) have (afforded) and will affourde him;" and then proceeds to pass judgment in a bantering way on the 'Fairy Queen.' He thinks Spenser's nine comedieswhich were called the Nine Muses-nearer to Ariosto's Satires than the 'Elvish Queen' to his 'Orlando Furioso;' then proceeds to justify his preference by appealing to the examples of Bibiena, Machiavelli and Aretino, and ends-"But I will not stand greatly with you in your own matters. If so be the 'Faery Queene' be fairer in your eie than the 'Nine Muses' (the nine comedies), and Hobgoblin (the supernatural of the 'Fairy Queen') run away with the gar-

land from Apollo, marke what I saye, and yet I will not say that (which) I thought; but there be an end for this once, and fare you well, till God or some good Angell put you in a better mind.

The tone of this letter has been quite misunderstood by Mr. Collier, as well as by all before him. It is a merely humorous repartie from a man of thirty-five to a young fellow of twentyeight, who had, on the strength of a few verses of the 'Fairy Queen,' "flatly professed," per-haps sportively, that he was about to "overgo" Ariosto. When the first three Books of the 'Fairy Queen' were published, Harvey did not show any lack of appreciation; and his verses are the best among those addressed to the author, surpassing even the sonnet of Sir Walter Raleigh.

One would wish to have a few details about the relations of Sydney and Spenser, the two purest and most chivalrous and poetic spirits of their epoch; but we can only certainly conjecture that two such characters would fully appreciate each other. Of Spenser's estimate of Sydney many touching lines still remain to us, written after the death of the hero of Zutphen. Sydney had lately returned from the Continent, and after his successful embassy was now in the zenith of his reputation, and about two years younger than Spenser. That Spenser visited Penshurst is probable enough, but there is no evidence of the fact; it is tolerably certain, however, that it was through Sydney's interest that Spenser was appointed, in 1580, secretary to Lord Grey of Wilton, who was a connexion of the Sydneys and Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. Spenser now passed much of his time in Dublin; he was appointed, in 1588, clerk of the Council of Munster. The chief object of this council was to re-settle the province with inhabitants and restore the devastations which war and rebellion had spread throughout the country. Extensive grants of lands from the for-feited estates of the Desmond, were given out to various individuals. Raleigh received 42,000 acres and Spenser something more than 3,000 in the county of Cork, and his lands included the castle and manor of Kilcolman. The letters patent of this grant bear the date of the 25th of October, 1591; but as Spenser evidently was in possession of Kilcolman for some years previously, the grant must have been made to him in 1586, and only formally completed in 1591. The castle of Kilcolman is described as enjoying a most romantic situation by the side of a lake, with the Mulla and its alders winding through the grounds, with prospects of woods and forests around it, and enjoying on one side a view over half the breadth of Ireland. Here Spenser settled himself; here he was visited by Raleigh in 1589, and here he read to him por-tions of his 'Fairy Queen,' then complete nearly to the end of the third book. Raleigh, as is well known, brought Spenser over with him to England, and presented him anew to the Queen. The whole story of Raleigh's visit to Kilcolman and his presentation of Spenser to the Queen is so poetical, that it ought to be told in no other way than he has himself told it in 'Colin Clout's come Home again,' in which Raleigh is identified with "The Shepheard of the Ocean."-

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One day (quoth he) I sat (as was my trade)
Under the foot of Mole, that mountain hore,
Keeping my sheep amongst the cooly shade
Of the green alders by the Mulla's shore;
There a straunge shepheard chaunced to find me out,
Whether allured by my pipe's delight,
Whose pleasing sound yshhrilled far about,
Or thither led by chaunce, I know not right:
Whom, when I asked from what he came,
And how he hight, himselfe he did yclepe
The Shepheard of the Ocean by name,
And said he came far from the main-sea deepe.

He sitting me beside in that same shade,
Provoked me to play some pleasant fit;
And when he heard the musicke which I made,
He found himself full greatly pleased at it;
Yet, emuling my pipe, he took in hond
My pipe, before that emuled of many,
And plaid thereon (for well that skill he cond),
Himself as skilfull in that art as any.
He pip'd, I sung; and when he sung, I pip'd;
By change of turnes, each making other merry;
Neither envying other, nor envied,
So piped we until we both were weary.

We learn further that the Shepheard of the

He me persuaded forth with him to fare; Nought took I with me, but mine caten quill, Small needments else need shepheard to prepare. So to the sea we came.

On coming across the sea-

that same shepheard still us guyded, Until that we to Cynthia's presence came. The Queen "inclined her ear" to his melody :-The Shepheard of the Ocean (quoth he)
Unto that goddesse grace me first enhanc'd;
And to mine oaten pipe inclin'd her eare,
That she thenceforth therein gan take delight,
And it desir'd at timely hours to heare,
All were my notes but rude and roughly dight,
For not by measure of her owne great mynd,
And wondrous worth she mott my simple song,
But joy'd that country shepherd ought could find,
Worth harkening to amid that learned throng.

The result of Spenser's interview with the Queen was the pension of 50l. a-year, granted to him immediately after the publication of the first three books, in 1590. From 1591 to 1595 first three books, in 1590. From 1591 to 1595 Spenser resided at Kilcolman, occupying himself with the management of his estates and his poetry. His 'Fairy Queen' was, as he himself wrote, the greater part the produce of "salvage soyle." In 1591 or 1592, however, Spenser first saw the lady whom he subsequently married. We know nothing more of her than can be collected from the Sonnets and the Epithalamion. The whole history of Spenser's courtship is contained in the Sonnets. We learn that it lasted for nearly two years, and that the lady relented just as Spenser years, and that the lady relented just as Spenser had given over the suit as unsuccessful; his fortunes began to change with the new year, in Sonnet 62. and in Sonnet 67. Spenser has delineated the critical moment of the court-

hip:

Lyke as a huntsman after weary chace,
Seeing the game from him escap'd away,
Sits down to rest him in some shady place,
With panting hounds beguiled of their prey,
So after long pursuit and vaine assay,
When I, all weary, had the chace forsook,
The gentle deare returned the selfsame way.
Thinking to quench her thirst at the next brooke;
There she beholding me with milder looke,
Sought not to flye, but fearless still did bide;
Till I in hand her, yet halfe trembling, took,
And with her own goodwill her trembling tyde.
Strange thing me seem'd to see a beast so wyld,
So goodly wonne, with her owne will begujed.
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Never was purer coronal woven for a bride than the 'Epithalamion' which Spenser composed for his marriage in 1594 or 1595. Spenser's presence was again called for in London, not only for the purpose of publishing the last three existing books of the 'Fairy Queen,' but for the superintendence of a lawsuit, with Lord Fermoy, and other business. He returned to Kilcolman in 1597. At the Queen's recommendation he was appointed sheriff of the county of Cork in September, 1598, and in the next month burst forth the dreadful rebellion of Tyrone. The insurgents plundered Spenser's house, and set fire to it. Spenser, his wife and two sons escaped away, but an infant child perished in the fire. By this calamity Spenser lost everything. He crossed over to England, and died about three months after his flight from Ireland, at an inn or lodging-house in King Street, Westminster. Mr. Collier has produced the witness of a new authority to prove that there is no reason for doubting Jonson's account that Spenser "died for lack of bread, and refused twenty pieces, sent to him by my Lord of Essex, saying that

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he had no time to spend them." Indeed, it appears to have been the universal opinion among contemporaries that Spenser expired in penury. He was buried, according to Camden, at the expense of the Earl of Essex. A band of poets followed him to the grave, and threw their elegies into it. The present monument in Westminster Abbey was erected by the Countess of Dorset, in 1620, and restored at the cost of Mason and some others, in 1778.

Spenser's wife married again. He left two sons, of whom very unimportant details have come down to us. Mr. Collier has gone at length into the question as to whether Spenser ever completed 'The Fairy Queen,' or whether any part of it was destroyed in the fire at Kilcolman, and answers both questions in the negative. And generally, it may be said that the Life of Spenser has received a more critical treatment than it has before met with. Many documents and authorities have been discovered which have only lately been capable of being adduced as evidence. The text of the volume is the best that ever has been published.

A new and careful edition of Spenser is an acceptable New Year's Offering to English Literature. To the present pub-lishers the public are already indebted for the admirable edition of Gower's 'Confessio Amantis,' by Dr. Pauli,-with which these volumes are uniform in type and appearance. Mr. Collier's reputation as an editor of Elizabethan classics is well sustained by the present publication. The text of Spenser has never before been carefully edited, as the text of every Elizabethan author should be edited, by collation of the early editions. The last edition of Dr. Todd was printed in 1805; these volumes have now long been out of print, and a new editor has long been looked for. By a faithful collation of every impression from the year 1579, when 'The Shepherd's Calendar' was first published, to the year 1679, Mr. Collier has been enabled to present to the reader the text of Spenser in as correct a form as conscientious criticism can procure for it.

History of the Parish of Wraysbury, Ankerwycke Priory, and Magna Charta Island; with the History of Horton, and the Town of Colnbrook, Bucks. By G. W. J. Gyll. (Bohn.)

WE have often had to commend the labours of zealous and modest topographers, men who, unknown to the literary world generally, are often engaged in throwing light upon subjects of interest to the public at large, which illumination makes easy the path of historians and romancers. A topographer, like an angler, is, for the most part, a cheerful, quiet, unobtrusive man. He loves his pursuit for the pleasure it brings. The topographer casts in after a fact, as the angler gracefully sweeps his line over the peculiar resorts of the special fish he desires to hook; getting on the certain track of a fact, much desired to be got at, is to the one what a bite is to the other; and the man who lands his salmon after a tussle is not more heroically and calmly jubilant than the topographer who, seeking to establish some contested point of local history, gets the facts required well in hand, and lands them successfully between the broad and snowy margins of his printed and published volume.

Cheerful, modest, unselfish, persevering, never wearied or wearying, should be the topographer. His book, being intended for persons of all denominations interested in the subject, should contain matter of offence to no one. Especially, too, are simplicity of style, arrangement, and expression to be observed. A little learning,

however dangerous in the poet's view of it, is better than none; and these, with some power of compression, may be said to form all the essential qualifications for a moderately good writer of topographical works. But Mr. Gyll, we are sorry to observe, possesses very few of these qualifications. Zeal, indeed, he has; but he is not cheerful, he is lugubrious; he is not modest, but vain and unmusical as a peacock: with honest desire to receive instruction from him, we grow weary of the teacher, and not only weary, but offended at his lack of courtesy, not to say his unwarrantable rudeness, to persons not of his own communion. A "bumptious" topographer is an animal we never dreamed of seeing, and which we are unable to classify; but the "bumptiousness" of Mr. Gyll is quite transcendental; and then he is so addicted to fine writing that we are at a loss whether to pity, to censure, or to laugh at him. Altogether, he has ruined a fair local subject; and, probably, has not satisfied either the Smijths who render their names unpronounceable with a j, nor gratified the manes of the Gills from whose tombstone-records the vulgar i has been politely knocked out, and a substitute found for it in the supposed-to-be more aristocratic y. Why, we know not.

Mr. Gyll chose his subject spontaneously, he says, as Lord Duberly, we believe, used to call upon you, promiscuously; "and," writes the author, "what we spontaneously choose, we think is eligible and fit by its proper excellencies and appendages to awaken zeal, which is a constant incentive of love or duty." When Mr. Gyll makes a commonplace remark, he trusts that it is "not very distant from the boundaries of reason and verisimilitude." He says: "Thane was an appellation of honour equipollent with our Earl"; and he declares of his volume, that it is "a work elaborated, albeit it be the offspring of inadvertence,"—a figure of speech which is not original. Mr. Fitzball describes himself as having written a whole poem "inadvertently." Silk Buckingham once did the same in his

On other occasions we find our author's sentences difficult to construe; for example, he says at page 72: "Water mills is a Roman invention, but the production of the same effects by wind dates only from the seventh century"! The loose grammar is nothing compared with the "bumptiousness" to which we have referred, and which manifests itself unpleasantly in sentences like the following, altogether misplaced in a topographical history:

"The Church of England is pre-eminent for its doctrine, discipline, and morality. She need fear no dissenters, who generally on becoming wealthy join the Church, where they find dignity and faith. The Romanists instead of increasing with the popu-lation do not advance, and abroad Protestantism is beginning to be appreciated, as is seen by the Pope's allocutions, which are a series of groanings over everything Frotestant and progressive, caring for little beyond the supremacy of Ecclesiastical polity-one prominent idea forms the key-note of all their arguments and positions. Grant but toleration abroad, and let our Divines, like Jewel and Taylor, &c. be translated, and the Continent will become Protestant, which it is now, save in its unproved doctrines.

In another page Mr. Gyll prints all the monu-In another page Mr. cyri prints at the mont-mental inscriptions in Wraysbury churchyard. "I append memorials," he says, "to give satis-faction or consolation to any who may here seek the last resting depository of friends or relatives when time shall have swept away every vestige." The entries, which are very numerous, are of the most commonplace description, neither satisfactory nor consoling. The only one presenting the least degree of

singularity is the following: "Here lieth the body of Elizabeth Smith, in expectation of that great day-what sort of person she was that great day will best discover—she died 28th March, 1749; aged 32." The author subse-quently gives the monumental inscriptions of the family of Gyll within the churches, not only of Wraysbury and vicinity, but in distant counties. They seem to have been a very confident race. Of one of them, Elizabeth, buried here, it is agreeably said that,-

To sure reward the last great day shall raise Her sleeping dust;

A recompense justly due to Mrs. Gyll, whose life, we are told, was "in every act of duty Fine writing seems to have possessed the family from a remote period. It is mixed, by our author, with a "nice derangement of epithets." Fate was never before depicted in settling matters, as in the following sentence:
"As the father of Alianore died by casualty in the battle-field, destiny so arranged it that her husband should experience the vicissitudes of life in war and peace." At other times, Mr. Gyll writes as Dick Swiveller speaks, eking out his sentence with a snatch from a ballad, unacknowledged;—as when he speaks of a wife with her husband, "with whom she lived until she calm reclined in death"! Even upon beershops, this writer is magniloquent. Speaking of the village of Horton, he says :-

"There are several beer-shops, indispensable to the needs of the parish and its population, for in no time could parishes forego these much-frequented houses of resort, which to the poor are places of refuge after the day's toil, and serve as clubs to learn news and indulge in potations of beer, as good as wine for the body's sake, if not abused. No nation or time has gone on without such places of some sort, and an old law of King Ina of Wessex, in Saxon days, recognises them, although licences to vend spirituous fluids were not introduced

In foreign historical reminiscences, Mr. Gyll's memory is defective. Louis the Fourteenth was not so unwise as to say, "La Loi, c'est moi!"—what he asserted was "L'Etat, c'est moi!" which is quite another argument. This, however, is a small fault compared with the other shortcomings to which we have alluded. Some of the sentimental maxims read like those of Joseph Surface, or the young sister in 'Pride and Prejudice.' Simple, Mr. Gyll can never be. Milton's father is spoken of as "the vene-rable paternity of Milton." He does not "die," but "pays a debt due to time, and mortal custom"!—and so on, till one wearies of it.

We could almost fancy that this volume has been put together chiefly to perpetuate the memory of the Gills, as the name used to be spelt, and to elevate consideration for them y speaking of the honours they have-missed. There is something almost comic in the follow-

ing entry referring to worthy old Alderman

Gill, a stationer in the city:—
"In the year 1788 Mr. Gyll was chosen to the highest civic honours of the City of London, and he attended in 1789 his Majesty King George III. on his visit to St. Paul's Church to return thanks for his restoration to health, and a patent was prepared and announced in all the public papers, 18th and 19th April 1789, to create him a Baronet, which is usual when the King honours the City on any great occasion, but the proffered advancement was not accepted for family reasons. Nor was the claim revived until his son William Gyll, Captain 2nd Life Guards, who had in 1803 at his own expense raised two troops of cavalry on the threat of invasion, solicited the favour which his father had injudiciously declined, when he too unfortu-nately died prematurely, and the expected honour has not since been conferred."

To this paragraph is annexed the following exceedingly ungallant note:—

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"His wife Mary induced him to forego the honour, because there was then a son by his first nonour, because there was taken a seen by an his wife, who only survived a few years and died unmarried. Women may be very affectionate, but not always discreet. They have a fibre more in their hearts and a cell less in their brains than

This is uncivil; but we must allow for disappointed expectations. Meanwhile, the author enters into not very amusing details of the origin of the Gill or Gyll family. He tells us that the founder of the line, in the reign of Edward the Confessor, resided "at Gilles Land in Cumberland." William "at Gilles Land in Cumberland." William the Conqueror gave the estate to one of his the Conqueror gave the estate to one of his followers, Hubert, who slaying the original Saxon Gill, took not only his property but his family name, (says the author,) calling himself De Vaux, or of the Valley, "for the signification of Gille," adds the writer, "is Valley." To which we reply, "Not altogether so, Mr. Gyll!" This word in the porthy means a servery. word, in the north, means servant. There is, indeed, a local interpretation of gill, as signifying "a brook" or a glen (in which we trace the word itself) with a brook running through it; and Gilly in Cornish-British was a hazel grove. The widest signification, however, is servant, Gilchrist is servant of Christ: Gilservant. Glichrist is servant of Christ; Gliray, a running footman; Gilderoy, servant of
the king; Gilmour, the great, or chief, servant,
—and so forth; and therefore, Hubert, if he
really translated the original proprietor's name,
when he assumed it for his own, exhibited a creditable knowledge of what he was about, by good-humouredly designating himself not of the valley, but as the successor of the valet! We may add that Mr. Gyll, who is proud of the long-tailed vowel in his name, cuts it short and converts it into an i, when he tumbles upon a dissenter in his lineage. Mention is made of one, a very good man, a scholar, and a divine; but a *Baptist* divine, and what has he to do with such honour and luxury as are indicated by the spreading y? the diminutive i is quite distinctive enough for such as he! On the other hand, one of his ancestors, of James the Second's time, is described, with the magic y, as "Lyon Keeper" to the King, in the Tower of London. We regret that an author who has manifested

so much industry, should have exhibited such bad taste as disfigures many pages in this volume. If Mr. Gyll will assiduously address himself to the correction of the errors we have pointed out, he may yet figure pleasantly and usefully in the honourable and modest brotherhood of Topographers.

The Hallowed Spots of Ancient London, By E. Meteyard. With Engravings. (Marlborough & Co.)

Miss Meteyard ("Silverpen") would have produced a better book about ancient London had she happened to know anything about it and been able to tell what she knew. In the absence of historical knowledge and literary art, she has produced 'The Hallowed Spots of Ancient London'-such a sheaf of chapters on an ever-charming, ever-seductive subject as a young lady might write out for a Christmas exercise, to be vastly admired by her little sisters and then put hastily into the fire lest Harry or Harold, just home from Rugby, should get hold of them and poke his learning and his fun at them.

Miss Meteyard, when about to venture on great things and take liberties with great names, having probably observed that historical writers usually give some account of the sources from which they may have drawn their materials—such as the Archives of Simancas or the Record Office in Fetter Lane,

—and express, in more or less laudatory phrase, their obligations to various learned pundits has expressed her literary thanks to the official staff of the British Museum in the gross, and to a number of individual celebrities or eccena number of individual celebrities or eccentricities in the detail, some of whom she is good enough to describe, by name, as "eminent," "zealous" or "friendly." No one will object to such courtesies, unless there lurk about them a suspicion of deception. Mr. Pye is not the only man who has been thanked in print for services which he never rendered. Miss Meteyard's courtesies are probably made in good faith, though Mr. Charles Gilpin, Mr. J. Abbis and Mr. William Howitt must be rather startled to find themselves elevated to the rank of authorities on ancient London. She does not seem to have humour enough to detect a joke in anything told her or given to her. Who can have palmed upon her innocence that droll mystification of a ground-plan of London "before it was built," in which, among minor merits, we see the Tower, the Strand and Old St. Paul's? From what collection has this plan been drawn? Is it from the Mayer Museum? Is it one of M. Simonides' discoveries? If not, let the author declare himself, and the Lancashire and Cheshire Historic Society may secure another honorary member. We undertake to say it is not from the British Museum, though Miss Meteyard describes that institution as having "an unrivalled collection of old maps of London." Has the fair author never heard of the Sutherland Collections? Mr. Panizzi will think it a sorry sort of jest to talk of the British Museum Collection of London Maps as being unrivalled. We supposed that everybody who had ever given an hour's study to the maps of remarkable places in this metropolis, must be aware that the real illustrations of his subject are at Oxford. Without hoping to be called either eminent or zealous antiquaries for our pains, we may remark that the Bodleian is far richer in this respect than the Bloomsbury library; the Sutherland series of London maps being, in fact, superb. A day or two spent over the magnificent drawings of Ancient London by Wyngraerde would have cleared very much Miss Meteyard's notions of old London topography: might even have induced her to suspect the antiquarian value of her plan of London "before it was built."

The letter-press, we grieve to say, is just to match, being ungrammatical and inaccurate beyond the point of young-lady compo-sitions. The two chapters on the Tower make a perfect comedy of errors and trifles. It is gravely set down that Lucy Hutchinson was born in the Tower in 1619-20. Where lies the interest in such a statement? Is it pretended that any doubt exists as to the precise date? Lucy herself has told us she was born on the 29th of January, 1619 old style. Miss Mete-yard says she was born in the Lieutenant's lodgings. Perhaps she was, but the fact is not stated by Lucy nor by any one who could have known the truth. It is a mere inference. On the next page we read that Sir Walter Raleigh was "confined for sixteen years" in the White Tower, and there "wrote his 'History of the World." Here there is a double blunder. Sir Walter was not confined in the Tower for sixteen years,—only fourteen; and it has been placed beyond dispute that the scene of his long captivity, of his experiments, of Ben Jonson's visits to him, of Prince Henry's lessons, and of his literary labours, was the room over the gateway of the Bloody Tower. At page 32 we have a long account of Bishop Fisher, with

is the object of citing Fisher's well-known letter as from "Cotton MSS. Cleop. E. v. 172"? The letter has been printed a hundred times in common books; a dozen times within the last common books; a dozen times within the last dozen years. Five pages later we are told that Sir Thomas More was confined in the Beauchamp Tower. As nothing whatever was previously known on the point, will Miss Meteyard oblige us with her authority for this very interesting fact? "The Beauchamp Tower has of late undergone," she tells us, "a most skilful restoration to its ancient state. In the course of this pay inventions were discovered." of this, new inscriptions were discovered." Our readers may, perhaps, remember Mr. Dick and the wonderful discoveries which have imposed on the credulity of Miss Meteyard. "The shadow of Sir Thomas More had yearly the control of th The shadow of Sir Thomas More had scarcely passed from the walls of the Beauchamp Tower than, if tradition be true, it received another, and almost as an illustrious a guest—Ann Boleyn," is a passage from Mr. Dick's unveracious pages, copied into Miss Meteyard's curious English without acknowledgment. We are sorry to say the theft will do her no service. It is not true. Ann Boleyn was imprisoned in the Martin Tower, near the Jewel House, as the inscriptions in it prove. We suspect that "Silverpen" has paid no more than a flying visit to the Tower.

Queen Elizabeth has not had the good fortune to satisfy Miss Meteyard, who kindly endows the old English lioness with "an atrocious meanness of heart that makes her memory despicable,"—whatever that phrase may mean. Among other crimes we learn that she "impoverished Essex's father." The world generally supposes that she made his fortunes. She certainly found Walter Devereux a private gentleman, the son of a knight, and she made him Baron and Earl. Essex, we learn from Miss Meteyard, went to Ireland against his will: she does not seem to know that he went to Dublin against the wishes of all his friends, and even of his clear-headed associates. As our fair historian has evidently not seen the letters of Lord Southampton and Sir Charles Danvers, it would be well to send to the nearest library for the Hatfield Correspondence, recently printed by the Camden Society. She talks of "a venal faction at home, resenting even such small exercise of authority as that of appointing Southampton general of his cavalry," not aware that Southampton was at that moment an escaped prisoner, one who had broken his parole, and who lay under peremptory order to return to London. She tells us that Essex carried Anthony Bacon to Essex House and supported him free of all charge; ignorant that Anthony had to support himself at Essex House, even down to his firewood and coals, and that he was never able to obtain a penny of his wages, until the reck-less Earl at length made over to him Essex House itself in pledge, to the Queen's very justifiable anger and disgust. But the chief feature in these chapters on the Tower is the amount of omission. We will present the fair writer with a batch of additions to her "illustrious prisoners in the Tower" for her next edition. Take a few of the early inmates, and observe what a romantic piece of history the

story of each would make.—
1100. Ralph Flambard, the martial Bishop of Durham.

1232. Hubert de Burgh, the famous Jus-ticiary of England and of Shakspeare's King

1240. Griffin, Prince of Wales, delivered into the hands of King Henry the Third by his own brother David. He was killed in 1240 in attempting to make his escape from the prison.

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twisted them into a rope, by means of which he hoped to lower himself from the wall; but it broke in the descent and he was killed. His son, then a boy, was at the same time confined in the Tower. A few years later he was fortu-nate enough to effect his escape; he returned to Wales, regained possession of the princi-pality, and fought valiantly against the English. In the reign of Edward Longshanks he was slain in battle; his head was brought to London and fixed upon the turret from which his father had fallen into his grave.

1296. Baliol, King of Scotland, and a host of Scotlish chieftains, taken prisoners at the battle of Dunbar.

1303. The Abbot and Monks of Westminster charged with robbing the King's treasury; the charge was not proved.

1305. William Wallace.

1307. The Knights Templars. This was the

year in which this famous order of militant-priests came to an end. All who lived south of the Trent were committed to the Tower.

1321. Lady Badlesmere, for refusing the Queen of Edward the Second a night's lodging in her castle of Leeds, in Kent. Her husband was beheaded for the same offence.

1324. Lord Mortimer. He afterwards escaped and became the paramour of the Queen. After the death of Edward he was arrested in 1330, sent again to the Tower and thence to the gallows.

1331. John, the famous Earl of Murray, the firmest and truest supporter of the House of Bruce. He remained in rigorous confinement for nine years, when he was given like a chattel to William Montagu, Earl of Salisbury, "to do with him as most for his advantage." A romantic event set him at liberty. Unable to raise the enormous ransom demanded, he remained in Montagu's custody until the fortune of war gave his new master into captivity in France, when the two earls were exchanged one against the other.

1347. David Bruce, King of Scotland, and a train of chieftains, all taken prisoners by Lord Percy, at the battle of Nevile's Cross. -Charles of Blois: he ransomed himself for seven hundred thousand florins of gold.-The twelve famous citizens of Calais, and John of Vienne, the Governor.

1357. John, King of France, taken at the

battle of Poictiers.
1375. Valeran, Earl of St. Paul, whose imprisonment in England led to his marriage with the Lady Maud, daughter of the Princess of Wales, "the fayrest ladye in all Englande."

1386. This year, if the authorities cited by Godwin may be trusted, the Tower received within its gates Geoffrey Chaucer, the father of English verse.

1399. King Richard the Second.

1415. The Dukes of Orleans and Bourbon taken in the famous battle of Agincourt. The first of these princes amused his prison-leisure by composing his 'Poieses de Charles, duc d'Orleans.

1438. Owen Tudor, grandfather of Henry the Seventh.

1461. King Henry the Sixth. Ten years afterwards he was taken from his dungeon and placed again on the throne by the kingmaking Earl of Warwick; but his second term of greatness lasted only for a day, and it hastened his own death and the destruction of his family. 1477. The Duke of Clarence murdered.

1483. Lords Stanley and Hastings; the latter was beheaded at a moment's notice.

1489. Edward, Earl of Warwick, son of the Duke of Clarence, and the last male prince of the House of Plantagenet. He was kept in

prison for many years, and at length fell a victim to the fears of Henry the Seventh.

Miss Meteyard is exceedingly chary of her prison episode during the Commonwealth. To her eye a Puritan is never wrong, a Cavalier never right. A bishop is her peculiar aversion. On the persecution by bishops she is very severe; on the persecution of bishops she is remarkably silent. She will be glad to hear that the Tower was not in vogue during the Commonwealth, though the minor prisons of London were often full. The following were, however, interesting cases:—
1641. Thomas Wentworth, Earl of Strafford.—

Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury.—Henry Mar-ten, for saying in the House that he thought one family—the royal—should perish rather than the whole people.

1644. The Hothams, father and son.—Lord Digby.-Monk, afterwards Duke of Albemarle.

Colonel Hutchinson.—The younger Vane. 1648. Jeremy Taylor. He was several times in prison about this period for his monarchical views; but these were mild, and his detention seldom lasted more than a few weeks.

1651. Sir William Davenant. His life was saved by the intercession of Milton.

This sterility only lasted until the Lord Protector's death. In-

1660, the year of the return of Charles the Second, the Tower was filled in every part with the leading men of the Commonwealth. For six or eight years they continued to be committed in large numbers and in the most indecent manner. Some of the orders of commitment of that period-most of them signed by Monk-make one rise with indignation at the course which law was then constrained to take. Often the orders were delivered out blank-the names of the unfortunate suspects to be filled in afterwards; many of the names are scratched down in different handwritings; often no offence is specified; yet the prisoners are commanded to be placed in close confinement. In fact, it is quite evident that these "orders" were issued very much like the "lettres de cachet" in use at the same period in France. The famous Henry Marten was at the head of a list of nineteen persons committed in one Marten was the greatest wit of his day. In the House of Commons his brilliant sallies had often sufficed to turn a debate and secure a favourable vote. Aubrey tells a string of a necdotes of his happy talent. One day he delivered a furious philippic against Sir Harry Vane, and when he had buried him beneath a load of sarcasm, he continued: "But, for young Sir Harry Vane ——," and so sat down. The House was astounded. Several persons cried Sir Harry Vane out "What have you to say to young Sir Harry?" He at once rose and said: "Why, if young Sir Harry lives to be old, he will be old Sir Harry." One day a sanctimonious old Sir Harry." One day a sanctimonious member made a motion that all profane and ungodly persons should be expelled the House. Marten rose and proposed that all the fools should be expelled likewise. It was one of his habits to sleep a good deal—or "dog-sleep," as Aubrey calls it—in the House; of course all the dull fellows hated him, and one day when he seemed to be fast asleep on his bench, a city

It might have been expected that a lover of wit like Charles would have spared Harry Marten. 1661. Harrington, author of the 'Oceana.'

alderman rose to propose that such scandalous

members as sleep and neglect the business of

the House be put out. The words were hardly

delivered when, to the surprise of the alderman,

the wit started up to his feet: "Mr. Speaker,

a motion has been made to turn out the nodders;

I propose that the noddees be also turned out."

-Bishop Hall, author of the still popular 'Contemplation of the Historical Passages of the Old and New Testaments.'

1666. Thomas Rose. 1667. Villiers, Duke of Buckingham, the wit, profligate and farce-writer.-Roger, Earl of Castlemaine, the unfortunate husband of a too handsome wife. The act of commitment in his case is curious. It appears that the husband of the king's favourite mistress was already locked up in the Gate-house at Westminster; but this was too near Whitehall to satisfy the guilty lovers; he was ordered to the Tower, One may well wonder on what pretence a subject, having such a misfortune as to be yoked in the bands of matrimony with Arabella Palmer, could be deprived of his liberty. The order simply states that for "treason of the highest nature" the said earl must be kept a highest nature the said that have been safe and close prisoner. No doubt! In the order the word "close" prisoner is scored under to render it emphatic, and a note in the margin explains that this act of commitment is made out in His Majesty's presence, and the score is made at his especial command. How one can fancy Charles the Second doing all this!

We could fill many columns with the mere list of illustrious prisoners in the Tower of

whom Miss Meteyard has never heard. The history of old York House is told with the same errors and omissions. There is an illustration of it; and, of course, this illustra-tion is not of old York House at all, but of the new mansion, built by George Villiers on its site. If Miss Meteyard could produce a drawing of old York House, she would be doing a service to letters. Is there such a drawing? Aggas's Map is rude, and shows us little beyond the extent and beauty of the gardens. Was the elevation ever figured? This famous house, we are told, "was originally the London lodgings of the Archbishops of York." one of the old books on London would have told her that it was "originally" the town residence or Inn of the Bishops of Norwich. Only one Archbishop of York, Archbishop Heath, ever lived in it. "It was occupied by Sir Nicholas Bacon at the date of his son's birth, and probably through the two previous years, as the Great Seal had been delivered to him on the 22nd of March, 1558." This latter date will be news to Mr. Froude; and if it can be established, will upset a good deal of English history which now passes for true. Queen Mary did not die until the November of that year; and our pleasant fabulist, therefore, makes the austere Nicholas Lord Keeper under the Popish Queen! That Sir Nicholas had lived two years at York House before his illustrious son was born is a guess, and a bad one. It is known that Anthony was not born at that splendid residence; and it is certain that the family had been there only a few months when Francis came into the world. Miss Meteyard, in correction of all the writers, places York House on the river bank, close to the water: it stood in the Strand, as Aggas's plan will show her. The later edifice, built by Buckingham, had a smaller garden and stood lower on the slope.

The sketch of Lord Bacon reproduces all the old blunders and some new ones. "In 1586, Bacon began his career as a politician. Miss Meteyard will turn to so common a book as Willis's 'Notitia Parliamentaria,' she will find that he began his political career at least as early as 1584, when he took his seat as Member for Melcombe. About 1607, when he was Solicitor General, we learn, "in the case of Oliver St. John he appeared for the prosecution." St. John's case occurred in December, 1614, when Bacon was Attorney General. 32

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Whether Bacon were Solicitor or Attorney at the time may not appear to Miss Meteyard of much importance; if she will ask a lawyer, she is relieved and surprised to find "a woman" will find that it is of very considerable importwill find that it is of very considerable importance, when judging of a man's part in such a prosecution in the Star Chamber as that of Oliver St. John, to know which of these two offices he held. The rest of Miss Meteyard's comedy is of this complexion. She lisps prettily about Essex's villa of Twickenham Park, though the deeds have been printed which show that Twickenham Park had never been his At page 128, we find one "Nicholas." show that Twickenham Park had never been his. At page 128, we find one "Nicholas Bacon of Gray's Inn" described as "an evident descendant of Lord Bacon." Seeing that Lord Bacon never had a child, how could that be, Miss Meteyard?

The chapter on the famous prisoners of the Fleet is remarkable only for its omissions. John Hooper is said to have been the first prisoner of note. Miss Meteyard has forgotten the gentle Surrey, who was twice confined in the Fleet Prison: the first time for quarrelling with Leigh, the second time for roistering about the streets and eating flesh in Lent. She also forgets poor Nash, committed for writing 'The Isle of Dogs.' She omits, indeed, all the poets—even Donne, who lay in the Fleet for a long time after his romantic and unfortunate marriage. Miss Meteyard has never heard of Sir Richard Baker, and the Chronicles which he composed in the Fleet; or of Howell, the letter-writer; or of Roger Coke, author of 'The Detection'; or of Wycherly, the dramatist; or of Richard Savage, the poet; at least we have from her pen no hint that they ever tenanted the Fleet. Perhaps she never met with a copy of 'Fleta'; if not, we venture to recommend to her a very curious book for a leisure hour, which she will eurious book for a leisure hour, which she will find was written in the Fleet,—also the 'Fleta Minor,' composed by Petters in that prison in 1683. One is more surprised to find no mention among her prisoners of Thomas Pound, for Miss Meteyard's reading has been chiefly in the martyrologies; nor of Francis Tresham, Lord Montague, and Morgan Coleman. The stories of these men would fill some dramatic pages. Then there were the committals of Sir James Whitelock, father of Bulstrode, of John Hales, of Thomas Wells, of Sir Edward Her-bert, of James Earl of Desmond, of the Countess of Dorset, subjects abounding in drama and variety far beyond anything Miss Meteyard dreams. The story of Sir Henry Howard, imprisoned in the Fleet for an intrigue with the beautiful Viscountess Purbeck, is a complete romance in itself.

As to the chapter on the Inns of Court-but we have not time to write any more of Miss Meteyard's book.

The Old Folks from Home; or, a Holiday in Ireland in 1861. By Mrs. Alfred Gatty. (Bell & Daldy.)

THE Old Folks (Mr. and Mrs. Gatty) start off together for a trip to Ireland, and write very pleasant and interesting letters to their daughters at home. They place themselves in the hands of their travelled friend, "Mr. Viator," and roam about in search of the picturesque, picking up sea-anemones, rare plants, ferns and curiosities of all kinds, as well as health, amuse-ment and information. "The Parson's" little weak points come in for their share of goodhumoured criticism in Mr. Gatty's letters; and "the old folks" seem to have been full of fun, and to have enjoyed themselves amazingly. Mr. Viator, the old bachelor friend, who drops the Rev. and prepares himself for all emergencies, is evidently a tyrant at heart, and the Osmunda regalis, the Trichomanes radicans, very serious errors are weighted."

who shows symptoms of having any sense at all," and becomes so civil to the "lady element in the trio," that Mrs. Gatty comes to the conclusion, he "must, in some pre-existent state, have had a wife of his own, and taken great care of her." But, in spite of this advantage, Viator keeps the old folks in the greatest order is a stoic in andurance and suppressed. order, is "a stoic in endurance, and suppresses complaint by example." Thus, when alighting at "a dreadful place" where the food is uneatat "a dreadful place" where the food is unear-able, the house dirty, and the beds a foot too short, the stern Viator will not "hear of any-thing being wrong." "It will all do very nicely indeed;" and Mrs. Gatty "traces in his eye such a fixed determination to be con-tented, that she dares to say—nothing." Betented, that she dares to say—nothing." Besides, has not Viator once slept, while travelling in Russia, between two Jews in cats' skins ?and after that, what can come amiss to Mr. Viator? and what right have his fellow-travellers to complain of such trifling grievances as short beds and Irish dirt? Then, Viator the despotic does not allow desultory conversation: he has "an admirable theory that there is nothing so tiresome as the attempt to keep up an everlasting dribble of talk—his plan, for even the best friends, being that they should relapse into quiet silences from time to time, and then, when the mind is refreshed and a change desirable, have a good, cheerful chat, without stop or stay." This may be a useful hint to other parties of tourists, and save the fatigue of constantly thinking of "something"

to say" during a journey.

One of the principal objects in the Old Folks' holiday appears to have been the Social Science Meeting in Dublin; but Mrs. Gatty is evidently no stickler for "the rights of women":-

" Do what I will [she says], it gives me a creepy-crawley sensation to imagine a woman facing a Court full of gentlemen and ladies, and giving them the benefit of her opinions! giving them the benefit of her opinions! The opinions may be very good, and it may be very desirable for the gentlemen to know them; but—yes! there certainly is a but. And, first, I think of St. Paul—'I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man.' True; but this probably refers to religious teaching, and these ladies have not quite come to that. Very good. But then I think of Mr. Tennyson's 'Princess,' and I cannot succeed in answering myself there." and I cannot succeed in answering myself there.

In another letter, she adds, after having attended the meeting and listened to the strong-minded lady who "held forth" at it,—

"If a shake of a head could be given in a photograph, I would send you mine, going à la Mandarin for an hour. No! I am not converted, though I was interested by what was said by the lady who spoke. But to hear a woman hold forth in public, except when she is acting, and so not supposed to be herself, is like listening to bells rung backwards. I fall back, therefore, on St. Paul and Mr. Tenny-son, and so let the subject rest."

Whether these views of Mrs. Gatty are shared by the general public, is another matter; but they are boldly put forth and neatly expressed. The letters "to my home naturalist" are, nevertheless, very scientific, and certain are, nevertneess, very scientific, and certain glowing descriptions of grottos full of cowrieshells, and crystal pools full of the purple urchin (*Echinus lividus*); also of finding the "Portuguese men-of-war" (*Velella spirans*) and the blue snails (*Ianthisia fragilis*), tossed on the coast from the Gulf-stream. "In crevices of the ruddy rocks you may gather Asplenium marinum, two feet long, dark-green and glossy." marinum, two feet long, dark-green and glossy," adds Mrs. Gatty for the benefit of fern-collectors. The fern-covered islets of Killarney

and the Hymenophyllum Tunbridgense are to be found in such profusion "that no daisies are commoner anywhere."

For such readers as are not naturalists, Mr. and Mrs. Gatty provide lighter food, in the shape of fairy stories, old legends, Irish anecdotes, &c. We give only one specimen of the

"Widow Malowney's pig was stolen, and Pat was suspected of the theft; to whom comes the priest. 'Pat, did ye stale the pig?"—Pat. 'I did, yer rivirence.'—Priest. 'What did ye do wid it, Pat?"—Pat. 'Ate it, yer rivirence.'—Priest. 'Oh! Pat, Pat! could ye ate the pig and not think of the dreadful day of indement. when all's to be Pat, Pat! could ye ate the pig and not think of the dreadful day of judgment, when all's to be known? Sure, what 'll you say for yourself, when you and the pig stand there at the last, with the Widow Malowney before ye — '— Pat (interrupting). 'Did yer rivirence say the pig 'ud be there too?'—Priest. 'Sure and I did, Pat.'—Pat. 'Faith, then, yer rivirence, I'd know what to say, entirely! I'd say, Widow Malowney, tak yer

We will conclude with a riddle, probably made by Mr. Viator himself :-

"Why should people sitting on an outside Irish jaunting-car never be thirsty?—Answer. Because they have two springs under them, and a well between.

We take our leave of the agreeable and jovial "Old Folks," hoping that the next time they take a holiday they will again give us the results of their observations, in just such another lively but instructive volume as the one at present under our notice.

Replies to Essays and Reviews. (J. H. & J. Parker.)

This work consists of seven counter Essays, This work consists of seven counter Essays, written by seven clergymen, with a preface by the Bishop of Oxford, and tail-pieces by the Radcliffe Observer and the Professor of Geology at Oxford. The writers of these essays, which answer the celebrated Essays in order, are Dr. E. M. Goulburn, Mr. H. J. Rose, Dr. C. A. Heurtley, Dr. W. J. Irons, Mr. G. Rorison, Mr. A. W. Haddon and Dr. C. Wordsworth Wordsworth.

Fifteen months ago, before the 'Essays and Reviews' had attracted attention, we noticed them at much greater length than we usually notice anything. We did not enter into their teaching; and we shall not enter into that of the opponent seven. We made remarks to which we are now content to refer, nothing having come before us which at all changes the view we then took. The length of our article was mainly due to an assault upon the essayist doctrine of subscription: we intend now to confine ourselves chiefly to the anti-essayist doctrine of legal interference.

The Replies are not of a violent character, though here and there are specimens of a very bad tone. The writing is that of persons who are not discussing points of controversy, man against man, but settling questions by an authority which they hold themselves free to assume so soon as they think they have argued enough. To the terrors of this world is added, in one place almost overtly, in others implicitly, an appeal to those of the next. One writer trusts that God in his mercy will change a certain opinion of his opponent: everybody knows what that means.

Nevertheless, there are one or two admissions from which we collect that the Essavists and Reviewers are not necessarily to be utterly despised. We read (p. 53) of a desire that the contest should be conducted with moderation, and "with a candid acknowledgment of those truths after which the Essayists are groping, and with which their

Radcliffe Observer, who opens his astronomical argument by a long and somewhat stern peal of disapprobation, says a few words of very weighty import: "Mr. Goodwin is quite right in reminding us that some schoolbooks still teach to the ignorant that the earth is six thousand years old and that it [he should have said all things] was created in six days. No well-educated person of the present day shares in this delusion." But who is ignorant that when this delusion—as the Oxford astronomer calls it-was first called in question, a regular essay-and-review row was the consequence? Was not geology going to upset Christianity?

A man need not be very old to remember the time when anybody who took the writer of Genesis to be speaking anything but the most literal truth was a deist and an atheist, to borrow an old way of coupling epithets. But borrow an old way of coupling epithets. now this is a delusion: we may freely read Genesis by the light of geology. But is it so clear that the opinion is now treated as delusion? We cannot afford time to look up the facts: but a thoughtful writer, whose book, as just published, is now before us, says,—"But many writers of eminence, as Chalmers, Buckland, Sedgwick, Dr. Kurtz and Archdeacon Pratt, . . . hold that the days of Genesis are iteral days; that the ages of geology are passed over silently in the second verse..." Curious persons will naturally ask whether the time may not come when an Oxford astronomer, combating something even more startling than the supernatural rationalism of the Essayists, will recognize as delusions some things which these same Essayists are now under the ban for offering. But, no! it will be objected: you cannot, if there be truth in revelation, go every length in opposition to received opinion; there must be a point where you begin to be against God. No doubt of it: but the question is, where? So long as this is a matter of conscience and of discussion-and it can never be the first without the second—the settlement is in train, and the means used are the only means which ever can succeed. But when received opinion-of which authority is but the servant and follower-claims to be the judge of the question how far received opinion is right, the method proposed is one which will go on through century after century, without making one inch of approach towards decision.

A clergyman in his pulpit, and a clergyman before the world as a man of theological letters. We are aware are two very different persons. that this is denied; but we shall proceed upon it nevertheless. We leave the first to his bishop: we are not directly concerned with anything that can arise between them. But the freedom of the second is of importance to us, because, as we have said before, it matters much whether we are to read his works as those of a free agent, or as those of a tonguetied and thought-muzzled slave. We admit all the difficulty of a possible scandal arising out of the difference between the book and the sermon of one and the same clergyman. But we contend that the disadvantage of such a scandal is as nothing compared with the detriment to religion, to morals, to learning, and even to the social relations of life, which would arise out of a feeling that no clergyman is to be trusted in a discussion upon points which agitate the educated laity. The public have for half-a-century or more had a practical conviction that if a clergyman choose to write in favour of authorized opinions, his side is not taken from fear of the law, which would allow him, in respectful language, almost any amount of opposition. Let us once come to apprehend that the writer has before his mind a vivid idea of articles and objections, and the Court

of Arches in its relation to the same, and we | shall never know how much of the clerical pleading is for God's truth, and how much for Dr. Lushington's.

We shall now discuss one of the most open sophisms we ever saw advanced in print: it is by the Bishop of Oxford in his Preface. He says that two courses seem to be required-"First, the distinct, solemn, and if need be, severe, decision of authority that assertions such as these cannot be put forward as possibly true, or even advanced as admitting of question, by honest men, who are bound by voluntary obligations to teach the Christian revelation as the truth of God." What "these" assertions are, does not appear by anything within two pages of the pronoun which grammarians call demonstrative: we take it to refer to something the Essayists have said. The severe decision seems to refer to the sentence of the Ecclesiastical Court, which is to follow the decision. The decision is, not that assertions must not be put forward, but that they cannot be put forward by honest men, who have entered into "volun-tary" obligations. The Bishop means "obligations voluntarily incurred": voluntary obligation is no obligation at all. And the assertions, not being possibly true, are not even to be advanced as admitting of question. The logical sequence of this is as dubious as its idiomatic correctness: in English, that which does not admit of question is certainly true. It seems to be meant that, so far from being brought forward for serious discussion, the assertions are not even to have possible truth accorded to them. But the writer reverses the order of magnitude, and speaks as though it were right to say that so far from giving an Essayist a deanery, he would not even give him a bishoprick. All this might have been said in seven words—Put the heretics

into the Ecclesiastical Court. "I put this necessity first," proceeds the Bishop, "from the full conviction, that if such matters are admitted by us to be open questions amongst men under such obligations, we shall leave to the next generation the fatal legacy of an universal scepticism, amidst an undistinguishable confusion of all possible landmarks between truth and falsehood." What the "matters" are we can but guess: no doubt something in the 'Essays and Reviews.' writer had left off at the word "scepticism," he would have been more intelligible. proceeds to talk of undistinguishable confusion of all possible landmarks between truth and falsehood. Now if all the landmarks were confused and undistinguishable, the difference between truth and falsehood would still be perfectly marked. If one side of the mark be truth and the other side falsehood, the true and false are distinguished from each other, whether we know which mark we areat, or no. The Bishop means that the landmarks will be obliterated: and so far as we have got, the translation into English is-Put the heretics into the Ecclesiastical Court, or the next generation will all be infidels. "To say this, be it observed, is to evince no fear of argument against our faith though the freest, or of inquiry into it though the most daring. From these, Christianity has nothing to dread." Why then is daring inquiry to be put down by authority? There is argument which will scepticize the whole country in a generation, if not put down; but Christianity has nothing to fear from it! we next read, "these do but manifest the truth. The roughest wind sweeps the sky the most speedily, and shows forth the soonest the unclouded sun in all his splendour." most daring inquiry, then, manifests the truth the soonest. "It is not, therefore, because believers in Revelation fear inquiry, that autho-

rity is bound to interfere. But it is to prevent the very idea of truth, as truth, dying out amongst us." That is to say, that most daring argument which best manifests truth is to be repressed, because, without such repression, the very idea of truth will die out. "For so indeed it must do, if once it be permitted to our clergy solemnly to engage to teach as the truth of God a certain set of doctrines, and at the same time freely to discuss whether they are true or false. First, then, and even before argument, our disorders need the firm, unflinching action of authority." We cannot say more about such a set of contradictions except this, that when theologians argue in the way we have quoted. it is no great wonder that many are found to draw a distinction between "the truth of God" and "a certain set of doctrines" which such

reasoners teach "as" that truth.

We go on:—"Secondly, we need the calm, comprehensive, scholarlike declaration of positive truth upon all the matters in dispute, by which the shallowness, and the passion, and the ignorance of the new system of unbelief may be thoroughly displayed." To display, is to mani-fest. We have been told that the fullest argument and the most daring inquiry will soonest manifest the truth. Why then is it that "declaration of positive truth" is that which is to be resorted to? We believe that by "declaration" the Bishop means a sort of argument, How, then, do we stand? "First" and "before argument" put the offenders into the Ecclesiastical Court: and then produce your own arguments in that declaratory and positive manner which is so telling when it is not to be answered. When your opponents are deprived and mulcted in costs you will have an easy

All this is an old story. We warn the public that the freedom of the priest is the freedom of the layman. If the Church zealots succeed in repressing inquiry among the clergy, they will soon have a trial at the laity. We may now dismiss this part of the subject. We have no doubt that the Bishop will attract such attention as will oblige him to explain. entirely omitted the question whether the Essayists be the infidels they are affirmed to be. That they should be so styled by their orthodox opponents is natural enough. said of them, before they had gained their present celebrity, that we believed them to be supernaturalists "on a balance of evidence."

bargain of them.

The freedom of their inquiry into matters which—to use the Bishop's phrase—are taught "as" the truth of God, remained unquestioned until some who pass for opponents of Christianity claimed them as comrades: and not till then does alarm appear to have been excited. Our readers know that a great part of our

former article was directed against the very

loose notions of subscription contained in the Essays. Since that time we have had occasion to remark that the orthodox opponents are very chary of dwelling upon this point. In the counter essays before us, it is evaded as follows. The writer on the 'National Church' replies to his man by writing a separate essay. It is not intended, he says, to offer a "counter-essay," which might be regarded as a merely "literary prolusion," but to attempt a real discussion of a practical matter. Thus, and by reference to another work, he escapes from anything which it pleases him to avoid. As to the subscription, he does nothing but mention what his opponent had advanced, in terms which do not give the smallest idea of the laxity which we criticized: and this is all he does. It seems then clear that the real snake will never be pulled out of the grass by the clergy. We say the real snake: and what we mean is this. Engli succe will shock it ma the o this s it see ment subse Exile and

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sympathy with the assailants, and takes little interest in the whole question. And why? Because that same public is possessed of the idea—the true or false idea; the true we believe that very few of the clergy believe all they —that very tew of the chergy beneve at they subscribe. Accordingly, the same public looks very coldly on the reproaches which are addressed to those who are charged with violating one part of their subscribed obligation, when the charge comes from those who are suspected of violating another. Who can recognize a right in one section of the clergy to say recognize a right in the section of the clerky vost to another, you may declare against this part of your vow, but not against that? When the clamour shall be raised by those who believe all the articles, and all the creeds, in the plain alt the articles, and all the creeds, in the plain English of each and every part, and who can succeed in making men believe that they believe them "whole and entire," the matter will assume a different form. In the mean time, we see that the part of the Essays which shocks an honest layman, be his sect what it may, meets with very meagre notice from the opposing clergy. We are satisfied that this sore must be healed by the laity, to whom it seems to be left. If belief cannot be augmented into coextension with subscription, subscription must be diminished into coextension with belief.

OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

Wild Dayrell: a Biography of a Gentleman Exile. By John Kemp. (Longman & Co.)—This book is evidently just what it professes to be—"the true biography" of a very wild young man, and as such, will, no doubt, prove interesting to other wild young men. Steady, sober-minded people might possibly become a little wearied by the numerous descriptions of races, steeple-chases, gambling-houses. French watering-places. German gambling-houses, French watering-places, German baths, &c., which are strung together, with a very slight attempt at a connected story, by way of "recitative"; but the descriptions are accurate and spirited, and the habitual frequenters of those localities, will doubtless programs in the characters. and spirited, and the habitual frequenters of those localities will doubtless recognize, in the characters described, many an old acquaintance of their wild-oat days. Wild Dayrell is a loose young man about town, with a widowed mother and a good property, which he contrives to diminish, like many another "prodigal son," till, becoming a little alarmed for his future prospects, he determines to go abroad and economize. This brings us to Dienne, where we are introduced to society, us to Dieppe, where we are introduced to society, both French and English, and are taken to a variety of places of amusement, some highly respectable, others very far from it. There Dayreal meets a lady with an only daughter, an heiress of course, and handsome and agreeable into the bargain; and consequently Wild Dayrell falls desarrant. perately in love. Mrs. Trelawney and daughter go to Ems; Dayrell follows them, going round by way of Paris, just to contrive an elopement for a friend; and the Trelawneys receive him all the more warmly for this proof of his good-nature and disinterested conduct. He appears to be rapidly ingratiating himself with Miss Trelawney's mother, when, as ill-luck would have it, he falls a victim to some gambling acquaintance, and loses a good deal of money, and gets into disgrace, and comes home late one night to meet Emily in the passage all in a blaze and shricking for assistance. The regulation dénoument in a novel is, that the hero puts the heroine out, and then marries her. There is something really new in the notion of the poor lady being actually burnt to death, and buried in a foreign cemetery, with the simple inscription "E. T." on her head-stone. We sincerely trust that this may be the only incident in the biography of Wild Dayrell which is not true. Our hero feels

Certain clergymen are asserted to have written in a manner which shows that they do not believe all that they are bound by their subscriptions to teach. They are assailed both by law and by the opinion of those who hold themselves orthodox: but the public has no recovered his spirits, goes to Pau, and hunts young ladies, and assists at pic-nies, and describes life in the Pyrenees; and having gone through a long process of subbing from "Kate's" mamma (who is, by-thebye, the exact counterpart of "Emily's" mamma), Dayrell envelopes his fair enemy in lawsuits and tiresome business, and persuades her that he can render her a most essential service if he may call himself her son-in-law. After holding out most bravely for some time, the good lady at length bravely for some time, the good hady at length succumbs under the pressure of law-worries, and Dayrell marries Kate, and settles down as a steady elderly gentleman, laying aside for ever the sobriquet of "Wild" Dayrell. The book is, to a certain degree, clever and smartly written; but it is too disconnected and rambling to be very interesting

or agreeable reading.

The Prigate and the Lugger: a Nautical Romance.

vols. (Newby.)—'The Frigate and the Lugger' is an old-fashioned nautical melo-drama, such as is an ord-rashioned nautical meto-drama, such as in the days of our youth used to delight us at the Surrey Theatre. The sailors are of the true old theatrical type, who used to shiver their tim-bers and dance hornpipes. There are sailor found-lings, turning out to be English baronets, who have hand-to-hand fights with swords and pistols, beautiful ladies in distress to be rescued, gallant sailors always at hand to help them, with armed corvettes and frigates always within hail, and broadsides fired in the critical moment, which always kill just the right people. There are dreadful villains, who have murdered or robbed somebody a long time ago, but so long that it was before the reader could be expected to be much interested, and their old crimes only make their tether so much the shorter, that they are sure to come to a bad end and be well punished before the story is done. Whenever any very imminent danger is impending over dry land somebody always opens the door and walks in, either with a passport ordering that the parties in danger of being stopped and imprisoned shall have an unlimited supply of post horses; or else, when the villain seems to have it all his own way, some one comes in who knows all about him, and who has just picked up a few little secrets which give him the upperhand. There are escapes which take away the breath, hard blows which only hurt the bad people, who live just long enough to confess,
—there are gallant captains who shake hands quite affably on the quarter-deck with common sailors,in short, it is a very amusing, absurd and easy-to-read romance, but like nothing that ever happened amongst rational beings.

amongst rational beings.

The Messiah. (Murray.)—This work is an historical and doctrinal life of Christ, with notes of research, in eight hundred pages. It is not controversial, and, for aught we can see, the author never heard of 'Essays and Reviews.' Such examination as was necessary to decide the sort of notice we have to give impressed us favourably, differences of

opinion apart.

The Bible and Modern Thought. By the Rev.
T. R. Birks. (Religious Tract Society.)—In these
days such a title explains itself. The present attempt is quiet, moderate, and comprehensive. There is no fuss or fume; the rationalizers are not demons, snakes, and heretics; and the author manages to do without "the Church," that is, he relies on argument; and, even if he and others should have agreed among themselves to be authorities, he keeps the combination out of the sight of those who are one combination out of the sight of those who are no parties to it. This is a wisdom which many writers who belong to the Establishment have not attained. They do not see that, even if their pretensions were true to the letter, they are no argument. With their opponents, Church authority is the first thing rejected: and it most often happens that the first thing rejected is the last thing to be established.

established.

A Defence of the Faith. Part I. Forms of Unbelief. By Sanderson Robins, M.A. (Longman & Co.)—One more issue of the 'Essays and Reviews': but all the children of this production treat their parent with contempt. The Essays are always the weakest things imaginable; but nevertheless they must be opposed with the utmost effort. The pre-

sent production is a learned and brief history, with much reference and citation, of all that the author calls unbelief. The second part is to be on the Evidences; and the third on the Scriptures. The author has that excessive confidence in himself and his opinions which makes others wary. Such writers confirm those who have made up their minds, whichever their side may be. If we could have interrepted Mr. Robins a meaning to draw minds, whichever their side may be. If we could have interpreted Mr. Robins as meaning to draw up a summary in aid of those who are to write on his own side of the question, we should have said he had hit his mark. But he calls his work an "examination" of some existing forms of unbelief: and this examination is nothing but a short and dogmatical summary of results in the writer's

The Circle secerned from the Square. By W. Houlston. (Simpkin, Marshall & Co.)—Mr. Houlston, formerly of Jamaica, now of Jersey, finds himself "the fortunate discoverer of such a method of self "the fortunate discoverer of such a method of solution as will," he conceives, "commend itself to the judgment and capacity of even ordinary intelligence." He quotes the poets before arithmetic, during arithmetic, and after arithmetic. For example, he says, "For my part I gratefully acknowledge that this overlapping or extruding of a part of the trigon has afforded me the clue by which I wire at a course to gauge of the whole figure. arrive at an accurate gauge of the whole figure.-

Think not the things most wonderful Are those beyond our ken, For wonders are around the paths, The daily paths of men."

What between poetry and arithmetic, the circum-ference to a unit of diameter is now 3 14213562... instead of 3 14159265... as determined by mathematicians without poetry.

Inaugural Addresses in the University of Edinburgh. By the late John Lee, D.D. To which is prefixed, a Memoir of the Author, by Lord Neaves. (Blackwood & Sons.)—There is scarcely anything to interest the general public in this Memoir and these Inaugural Addresses of Dr. Lee, who died on May 2nd, 1859, leaving behind him an honourable memory and a wide circle of admiring friends. Of the merits of the Dottor's theological writings. Of the merits of the Doctor's theological writings, Lord Neaves permits his readers to form their own opinion, after informing them that the late Principal's "sermons were excellent, both in matter Principal's "sermons were excellent, both in matter and style; and some of his earlier ones, when read in manuscript, had reached and obtained the approbation of Royalty itself." The Addresses themselves are verbose and commonplace, after the fashion of such ceremonial orations. Referring in one of them (Nov. 1, 1842) to the distinguished men who were students when he first entered the leading university of North Britain, Dr. Lee said, "When I name Thomas M·Crie (one of the best of our historians), James Abercromby, Walter Scott, John Leyden, Andrew Thompson, George Cranstoun, Mountstuart Elphinstone, Peter Roget, George Birkbeck, John Barclay, Mr. Thomas Thomson, the Earl of Warwick, David Brewster, Francis Horner, Henry Cockburn, Henry Brougham, Henry Petty (now Marquess of Lansdowne), Henry Temple Petty (now Marquess of Lansdowne), Henry Temple (now Lord Palmerston), the Earl of Haddington, Lord Webb Seymour, Lord Dudley, the Earl of Minto, Lord Gleneig, Lord Langdale, and (not long afterwards) Lord John Russell, it will not, long atterwards) Lord John Russell, it will not, I think, be alleged to be a very easy task to produce within the same compass of time any choicer specimens of deep and varied learning, of splendid eloquence, of legislative sagacity, and of high attainments in science." This retrospect suggests the question, What is Edinburgh doing now! who are the alumni at present within her fostering arms? can she look forward with confidence, even as she receipt the next with prids?

arms? can she look forward with confidence, even as she regards the past with pride?

The Principal Songs of Robert Burns, translated into Medicaval Latin Verse, with the Scottish Version Collated. By Alexander Leighton. (Edinburgh, Nimmo.)—Curious are the follies which a sensible man will sometimes commit. 'The Curious Storied Traditions of Scottish Life,' of the author proved him to be a man of sense: but who in the world that loves, as every Scotsman ought, the poetry of Burns would care for seeing his glorious songs mangled in the Procrustes' bed of any foreign tongue? Nothing can at all excuse the attempt which no Nothing can at all excuse the attempt, which no serious person would make, but the exceeding excellence of the translation itself. In a preface remarkable for two things, obscurity and ingenuity, the confession comes out of the author that he does not know classical Latin well, but apologizes by saying, in effect, that stiffness and oddity are only what everybody expects in a translation! His own words are much more involved and circuitous, but this is really what they mean, if they have any meaning at all. Besides, he certainly comes quite abreast of the circle he had described for himself. Listen how he translates a few of the exquisite lines of these immortal songs: "Oculos et obliquabat" is not the Latin rendering of "Look'd asklent and unco skeigh," in 'Duncan Grey'; nor is "Da mihi horam vesperam" a translation of "But gie me a canny hour at e'en," in 'Green grow the Rashes O!' Nor is "Furuncula versuta est" of "A thief sae pawkie is my Jean" in 'This is no my ain Lassie.' We cannot better prove the poverty of invention and folly of execution with which the book is nearly all got up than by quoting the first verse of his 'Scots, wha hae'—

Commilites Wallacio; Scoti ducti Brucio; Cruento grati lectulo! Mors aut victoria!

Would anybody know these lines to be a version of the following?-

Scots, wha hae wi' Wallace bled; Scots, wham Bruce has aften led; Welcome to your gory bed, Or to Victory!

Mr. Paton's Researches on the Danube and the Adriatic (Trübner) is the reprint, in a handy form, and with much condensation of matter, of a remarkable series of travels, in the East of Europe, undertaken at a time when Eastern travel was not the easy thing which steamboat and rail have made it. Mr. Paton was the first Englishman who taught our public to understand the politics and people of the Danube. We have also on our table: Leisure Hours in Town, by the Author of 'Recrea-tions of a Country Parson' (Parker, Son & Bourn), -Selections from the Norse Tales, for the Use of Children, by C. W. Dasent (Edmonston & Douglas),—Ten volumes of a Shilling Series of Standard Works of Fiction, published by Messrs. Smith, Elder & Co., entitled Confidences, Erlesmere, Smith, Elder & Co., entitled Confidences, Erlesmere, Nanette and her Lovers, The Life and Death of Silas Barnstarke, Rose Douglas, Tender and True, Gilbert Massenger, My Lady, Thorney Hall, and The Cruellest Wrong of All—Glimpses of the Life of a Sailor, by F. Fox (Fox),—Volume X. of the Re-issue of Punch (Bradbury & Evans),—The Inner of the Civil Service, by J. H. Stack (Ridgway),—National Elementary Education and the New Code, by a School Manager (Larveld). My Clark Code, by a School Manager (Jarrold), -Mr. Clark on The Trent and San Jacinto (Butterworths),— Mr. Robb on The Cottage, the Bothy and the Mr. Robb on The Uottage, the Boony and the Kitchen (Blackwood),—Seven Answere to the Seven Essays and Reviews, by J. N. Griffin (Longmans);—and from Messrs. Ward & Lock, The Night Mail, Storm Beaten and The Cruise of the Blue Jacket.
—Our New Editions comprise, Mr. Bukke's Romance of the Forum (Hurst & Blackett),—The Rev. H. C. Adams's Schoolboy Honour, a Tale of Halminster College (Routledge), — Mr. Ballantyne's Red Eric; or, the Whaler's Last Cruise (Routledge), -Ursula; a Tale of Country Life, by the Author of 'Amy Herbert' (Longmans),—and the Rev. J. H. Gurney's Chapters from French History (Longmans).—Among the Second Editions on our table, we find, Mr. Galvan's translation of Goethe's Faust (Dublin, O'Toole),—M. Aubertin's Grammaire Moderne des Ecrivains Français (Paris, Treuttel),—A Present Heaven, addressed to a Friend, by the Author of 'The Patience of Hope (Strahan),—In Memoriam HR.H. The Prince Consort, by W. C. Spens (Maclehose),—Village Sketches, by the Rev. T. C. Whitehead (Bosworth & Harrison), and Mr. Fitch on Public Education, Why is a New Code Wanted? (Bell & Daldy).— Among Third Editions we have Mr. Page's
Advanced Text-Book of Geology (Blackwood),—and
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TO THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION. APPROACHES

THE question of forming convenient and hand-some approaches to the forthcoming Exhibition remains just as it was more than two months ago, when we examined the means of access to the building. It is lamentable to think that not a single act has been done towards the end then urged upon the only authorities to whom an appeal the general interests of the public and the nation could be made. The parishes of Chelsea and Kensington have held meetings of their respective vestries; there has been a meeting at Bayswater to urge the formation of a road across Hyde Park. Each of these assemblies referred the matter to Each of these assembles reflective or potent body, and the question has gone to sleep. Chelsea appeals for aid to the Metropolitan Board of appeals for aid to the Metropolitan Board of Works, and that expeditious body refers to a committee; the committee have to take time to think about it. The Kensington Vestry have petitioned the Committee of the Privy Council on Education for aid in improving the approaches to the Exhibition. These representations and peti-tions were made six weeks ago; as yet, however. not a spade has been placed in the earth, nor a brick

If something be not done immediately, the crowding, risk and loss of time, which were felt ten years ago, will be experienced in a tenfold degree during the coming summer. The situation demands more facilities of access; London alone has grown enormously. Not only London, but the manufacturing cities have developed proportionally. Means of access from the outer world, from the provinces and sister kingdoms, from the Continent, from America, from Australia, from India, China and New Zealand, are easier and swifter. London only has not been stirred. Men may be even now on their voyage from the antipodes, with a view to being present on the great day of opening; and, as yet, nothing whatever has been done to make London permeable, so to speak, for them; much less to help the convenience of its own residents, who, having their ordinary business to transact during the time of the great gathering, will require not to do it in a block of carriages, like Cheapside at five o'clock, or of pedestrians as in the Strand on Lord Mayor's day.

The great obstructions to action for these important ends are the conservatism and local interests of many somewhat inert masses of authority. What is everybody's business is nobody's business, is a proverb which will, in all probability, receive a new and afflicting illustration in the state of London in the months of May, June, July and August While the Commission for the International Exhibition are labouring night and day to carry out the vast undertaking they direct, the public, for whose benefit and delight all this work is being undergone, and to whom the results will redound with abundant good, are sitting apathetic-

ally watching their respective leaders do nothing. The time has actually now gone by for some of the plans; others are yet possible. The great Rail-way Companies are doing their share of the work; and ere long will have completed a line of rail which will land as near as was practicable to them, the passengers flocking from our provincial towns. Even the bridge over the Thames, made at almost its widest point above bridge, is nearly completed; the great carriage-sorting station in Battersea Fields, where the vehicles will rest from their long and rapid transits from all parts of the kingdom, is rapidly advancing; Kensington Canal is being made a railway; the station for arrival and departure especially erected for visitors' convenience is building. Railways from north, east, south and west, will then unload their numbers. But how are these numbers to accomplish the mile which remains? Will they struggle through the devious lanes and blind paths which traverse the market-gardens between their landing-place and their destination, or will they pour along the high road that leads from Hammersmith to Kensington Gore? Contemplate the confusion which must ensue with hundreds of cabs and scores of omnibuses jammed together in the gorge at Kensington Church: not even the foot-pavement has been gers. Ev the city, is uncom of increa "The ol by that t action of each day all this several double to convenie the Exhi remembe most ren traffic. torning entrance to delive time, in work as seeing t already The nat is all or at these like to have a effecting

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mended. The route is circuitous at the best, if it mended. The route is circuitous at the best, if it were broad enough to accommodate the passens. Even now, at certain times of the day, the highway for pedestrians, thus far removed from the city, and while there is no especial attraction, is uncomfortably crowded. What May will bring of increase in this respect, let any one judge. "The old Court suburb" will be at its wit's end by that time, and anything like convenient transstion of ordinary business be, for many hours by that time, and any sing like or many hours action of ordinary business be, for many hours each day, out of the question. The way to remedy all this is that already suggested by us and all this is thus already suggested by the am-several of our contemporaries—to construct a double tramway from the new station, or any more convenient part of the line, to the western door of the Exhibition Building itself,—an entrance, be it remembered, likely to be the less crowded as it is the most remote from the immediate centre of London traffic. A double tramway, constructed with a turning point in the road fronting the western entrance, will accommodate trains of omnibuses, to deliver and receive their freights without loss of time, inconvenience, and at a trifling fare. Such a work as this might be carried out the more easily, work as this might be carried out the more easily, seeing that not a single building need be removed, and for a great part of the route the road is already made,—a road, moreover, never crowded. The path traverses fields and market-gardens, and is all on a level, and might be made wide enough at these parts with but a trifling cost. We should like to see the associated Railway Companies, who have already trained staffs of officers, capable of effecting this little matter thoroughly and cheaply, the lift of a vener kind were emplayed the doit. If rails of a proper kind were employed, the carriages which bring the visitors to London might actually deliver them at the Exhibition Building doors. Horse-power would amply suffice to drag the vehicles along the dead level of the route pro-posed, presuming it is out of the question to use locomotive engines for the course.

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Having, as was right, considered the case of our visitors first, not without a glance to our own, we wish the case of the cas visitors first, not without a glance to our own, we will next examine what is of next interest. The greatest obstacles are to be found in the oft-described Brompton Road, the present great artery for the south-west angle of London—a ridiculous artery it is—tortuous, varying in width, disfigured by all sorts of squalor in some places, heaped up with cheap trash in every trade, yards of coloured prints of Manchester flaunting from the shops,—a little Wolverhampton bardware lying on the navement.—"refreshment" hadman from the shops,—a later wivermanny hardware lying on the pavement,—"refreshment" stalls encumbering the curb,—the photographer at his wit's end with excitement. The point in this part of the case which is so discouraging to those concerned, and yet hopeful of a remedy for all this, is, that it could be remedied so easily. A few hundred pounds would set back the pavement where it narrows the road, straighten the course itself by removal of one or two projecting shopfronts, and the uprooting of a few decaying trees. The proprietor of the land on one portion of the route has signified his willingness to aid, by every possible means, the object in view. It is not in the Brompton Road, however, that the case is most hopeless; for even a week's energetic labour might do wonders there. At Knightsbridge, which we before designated "the narrows," the block will come, because private persons may be induced, for their own sakes, to drive, on the return journey, up the Exhibition Road, avoiding the se concerned, and yet hopeful of a remedy for journey, up the Exhibition Road, avoiding the Brompton Road, and return eastwards along the Kensington Road. All, therefore, will meet in Knightsbridge, just about Albert Gate, so that a double stream of traffic must be admitted through the byway of the Park side to emerge again by Apsley House; even this will leave an awkward elbow at the western side of Albert Gate. There is no help for it without pulling down a whole row of shops on one side or the other.

The only reasonable way to deal with this congestion of traffic will be to divert its constituents.

this. South Kensington, now rapidly becoming settled, will add a new impetus to the idea, and ere settled, will add a new impetus to the idea, and ere long it must become an actuality. No one but the proprietors of Kensington Turnpike and the cabmen are interested in maintaining the nuisance as existing. In our last consideration of this subject we discussed more than one plan for effecting the desired communication, and urged the preference due to a road made in the sunk trench, or ha-ha already existing, and diving under Rotten Row--which need not be raised to effect this more than five feet, a gradient which if spread over say three hundred feet of the Ride as now situated, would be almost imperceptible to the weakest nerved equestrian. We proposed this road should cross the Serpentine at a lower level than that of the bridge now standing, and close by the side thereof, from thence following the ha ha, piercing two bastions in the same, and debouching into the Uxbridge Road, over against the south end of Westbourne Terrace, forming a communication complete in itself, not only between the districts already enumerated, but, by diverting the stream out of Piccadilly and the Brompton Road, relieving most effectually those parts which need it most, by bringing all the northern and eastern traffic by a convenient, handsome and short route to the top of Exhibition Road. By any communication a permanent good will be effected,—by this means, we believe, the best. Rotten Row would be sacred as ever, for no one will say the rise of five feet will injure its serviceableness. Another plan has been put forward, which is intended to save the cost of the new bridge over the Serpentine; this is to turn the road on the south side along the southern margin of the "lake," and bring it out at the foot of the Grand Junction Road,—an economical plan enough, and suitable to the purpose, if it did not cut up Kensington Gardens terribly. There is already one carriage-road, be it remembered, along the whole north side of the Serpentine; so traffic is already seen in Hyde Park. Another plan is to cut through Kensington Gardens by a sunk road, running directly north and south. The objection to this is—that the and south. The objection to this is—that the main stream of traffic lying needfully from northeast to south-west, as the most direct line between the greatest masses of habitations, ought not to be taken so far westwards. A tunnel is spoken of, to be lighted with openings at intervals and by gas, to be paid for by a toll and voluntary contributions from the neighbouring population. Large propries are made as weared. and voluntary contributions from the neignbouring populations. Large promises are made in support of this scheme, which would have the merit of putting the terrible apparitions of omnibuses and cabs quite out of sight. It would be a work of time, however; and what we demand is "something done." A Fabian policy has succeeded, through the indolence of the public, in putting the whole and permanent interest of the matter on to the temperary, but overwhalking, need of a whole and permanent interest of the matter on to the temporary, but overwhelming, need of a communication of some kind—of any kind, at any price—between South Kensington and the north side of the Park. The result will be, that once a road, of any kind, established, no other, however inconvenient the new one may be, will be

At the end of Westbourne Street, Sloane Square, At the end of Westbourne Street, Sloane Square, the road, here opening out Chelsea to London, is nipped in to about 22 feet from house to house; three shops, without houses above them, need only to be removed to make this approach as handsome as need be. Chelsea Vestry seems to have taken some sluggish action on this point, and petitions the Board of Works to do something. Nothing is done meanwhile; and already since we last wrote on the subject more than one-third of the time has flown past which was given for action. This is flown past which was given for action. This is, however, a small matter beside the main question, which is to be solved upon the two points we have enforced; namely, the road across the Park, as the wisest, easiest and really cheapest means of reliev-ing Knightsbridge and Piccadilly, at the same time No other thing will do this so well as forming the much-talked-of road across Hyde Park. One would think that for their mutual convenience Kensington, Chelsea, and Belgrave Square would have insisted, in conjunction with Bayswold have insisted, in conjunction with Bayswater, Paddington, and Notting Hill, upon the making of a communication between them long ere

only is there less to be done, but less can be done. only is there less to be done, but less can be done, An appeal to the patriotism of the proprietors of the baths, book-stalls, vegetable and eel-pie establishments, is all that can be made. Will "Commerce House," or the haberdashery emporiums, suppress themselves a little? Might we hint to the photographical "profession" that Cartes de Visite are not really indispensable to existence?

DEVIATION OF THE COMPASS.

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Board of Trade, Jan. 16, 1862.

HAVING addressed letters to you, since 1854, respecting the deviation of ships compasses, which you honoured by publication, I am encouraged to submit a few more remarks in continuation.

In one letter the values of a neutral point, and of a neutral line, were urged: and in another the importance of ascertaining "list deviation" was insisted on particularly. Both these sources of error having been admirably investigated by Mr. W. W. Rundell, and reported on by the Liverpool Compass Committee, in a parliamentary publication, now just ready for presentation, it may interest some of your readers to hear of that report becoming available in immediate connexion with Mr. Evans's paper, read in March last, at the Institution of Naval Architecture; with the paper communicated by him to the Royal Society in 1860, (publish d in the Transactions), and with the very important the Transactions), and with the very important joint paper by Mr. Archibald Smith and himself, recently circulated by the Royal Society. Without even adverting to the foundations of

this new branch of science securely laid by Sabine, Airy and Scoresby, it is impossible to glance through these recent works of the most competent men, without asking, "What is done to guard against errors caused by deviations of compasses?"

To such a question, I venture to reply, that, the pre-cautions and arrangements of the government, for-Her Majesty's ships, are excellent, and most effi-ciently carried out by Mr. Evans, the Admiralty Superintendent of compasses; but for the numerous and annually increasing iron ships of commerce there are insufficient, or none. I say "insufficient, or none," advisedly, because so-called compasses adjusted at a few principal ports are employed by some persons, not by others; because they act on various and not trustworthy grounds; and because the subject has been too recently investigated for any but its very few masters to treat with security

for the public.

Look at the list of iron and other steamers lost in the Baltic! Count the wrecks in the St. Lawrence, or near that river, so peculiar respecting magnetism, and inquire about the disasters elsewhere traceable to that "vulgar error of a point or two wrong, with the ship's head nearly east or most."!

It behoves us to consider this matter. Other nations are eagerly taking counsel from us.
Directly papers on applied Magnetism are published—active foreign agents send them to their respective countries—to our mutual interest and credit. Little do the public know that the correct application of this mysterious agent, Magnetism, is known to so few persons that they may be numbered by the fingers on one hand.

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Now is the time to take steps towards the diffusion of such useful knowledge. In the lull, caused by the blessing of averted warfare, attention can and ought to be given to compasses in iron ships.

ROBT. FITZROY.

M. DU CHAILLU'S ADVENTURES.

8, Winchester Street, Jan. 13, 1862. I have received, by the last West African Mail, I have received, by the last West African Mail, some very long letters and despatches from my brother-in-law, Mr. R. B. Walker, of the Gabon, on the subject of M. Du Chaillu's adventures; but as the public have by this time pretty well made up their minds on the subject, I content myself with sending you the following extract from the letter of a trader on the scene of M. Du Chaillu's exploits, and well acquainted with him and all his proceedings, addressed to Mr. Walker. He says:—

"Since I have been here, I have seen some

extracts from M. Du Chaillu's book. I know not how it can be believed—but this is an age of humbug. We must only hope that our names may never be coupled with such stuff. M. Du Chaillu's first tour at Camma was about twenty-five days duration, and his second and last occupied the months from February to July; but he was not travelling all the time; I should say that the full extent of his journey from the ocean, in an easterly by south direction, did not exceed 200 miles. I went in my own boat, and was three days and nights sailing and pulling; and I supposed I was at least 150 miles from the sea; but when I got observations, to my surprise, I was only 80 miles east rather northerly, and but 2 miles north, from where I started. This, my dear sir, is all I can say of all the wonders described, which I never knew of. I was in weekly communication with our young friend, and, I think, through the natives, I might have heard something of all these wonderful discoveries and exploits. The following estimate of distances will convey a correct impression of the extent of his tour:-

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Now, the first distance of 81 miles I know from actual observation, having measured it myself; the others I estimate from what a canoe will pull, and a company may travel when there are no regular roads, and all has to be footed. Like yourself, I

roads, and all has to be footed. Line your dislike imposing on a generous public."

Now, this comes from a person who has had more facilities than any one else for judging of the extent of M. Du Chaillu's Camma travels, and have he was under many obligations. From this statement, it will be seen that M. Du Chaillu's distances have been much overrated, his real far-thest point being considerably less than half as distant from the coast as his pretended one. ever, these matters will be definitively set at rest shortly, as a trader is about going over the same ground, provided with scientific instruments. My brother in-law intends, if possible, doing the same before his return to England, in a few months, and Mr. Reade is also making preparations to proceed at once to the scene of these wonderful explorations.

P. L. SIMMONDS.

THE SIMONIDES MSS.

West Derby, near Liverpool, Jan. 14, 1862. WHILST I imagine that you do not wish to encumber your pages with the differences of opinion which may happen to exist among the members of provincial Societies, I am sure that your desire to give to the public the opportunity of hearing both sides of every question will induce you to give publicity to the following comments on the statements made in the letter of Mr. Mott, published in the Athenaum of Jan. 11. The object of his communication is to show that Dr. Simonides, without warrant from the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire, affixed to his name the title of Honorary Member, and that the Society, to save his reputation, made him what he professed to be. Your readers will judge whether this view of the case is borne out by the facts. As a member of the Society, I happen to know that, though by some unaccountable want of care the formal election of Dr. Simonides as an Honorary Member had not taken place when his book was published, this omission was due entirely to oversight; and I am authorized by Mr. Mayer (one of the Vice-Presidents of the Society) to state, that having requested Dr. Simonides, some twelve months ago to allow himself to be nominated as an Honorary Member, it was the distinct impression both of himself and of the Secretary, Dr. Hume, that his election had really taken place; that it was the Assistant-Secretary who discovered the inaccuracy of this impression; but that immediately on this the Society (having been informed by the Assistant-Secretary at the meeting of the 5th of December that it was intended to have elected Dr. Simonides some considerable time previously, but | into his house.

that by some oversight the formality had been omitted) made the election, with all the same formalities which have been employed in the case of several of its most valued members.

It is true that Mr. Mott attempted afterwards to set aside the election, on the utterly untenable ground, that the minutes containing the record of the fact required the signature of the chairman of the next meeting, and that until this had been affixed the election was not valid, and its confirmation might be postponed, sine die, till more facts about the new member were brought forward; but this objection was promptly overruled by the meet-ing, which felt that it had simply done what was just in rectifying an omission, and asserted no claim to generosity.

In the spring of last year, the first portion of the work on the Gospel of St. Matthew was read before the Society, and the first sentence thus recited, title-page of the book as it now stands, in which the title of Honorary Member is appended to the name of the author, so that the position in which that gentleman believed himself to stand was then plainly indicated, and objections should have been then raised, had it not been the impression of the meeting that the assumption was correct.

I may add, that Dr. Simonides, who speaks and understands English very imperfectly, was not at all aware of the formalities which are usual in proposing and introducing an Honorary Member, and was evidently unprepared for the cordial reception given him on his election, so that I am the less surprised at his ready assumption that he was (at the time of the publication of his work) that which he had been often asked to become, which some of the leading members of the Society believed him to be, and which he now is, an Honorary Member of the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire, nor at his affixing this title, as a matter of courtesy, to his name as the author of a work which he had to his name as the matter dedicated to that Society.

John Eliot Hodgkin.

THE LATE PROF. NECKAR.

MANY of our readers will be surprised to hear that the above gentleman, formerly of Geneva, and who is associated with the memories of the great French financier of the same name, and of Madame de Staël, who were indeed his re-latives, has only recently died. But those who have visited the Western Isles of Scotland will remember hearing of the Professor, who for the last quarter of a century resided near Portree, in the Isle of Skye, where he led the life of a recluse. In early life Prof. Neckar filled the chair of Geology and Mineralogy in the College at Geneva, asso-ciated with all the leading swants of his day, and took a prominent part in all the scientific questions brought before the principal Academies in France, of most of which he was a member. He travelled very extensively, and studied deeply the physical character and natural productions of almost every country of the world. He published a variety of works, principally on subjects connected with his favourite sciences; among these that on the 'Glaciers of the Alps' enjoyed considerable repute, and is still regarded as an authority on matters

connected with the phenomena of glaciers.

In middle life he left Geneva, on account, it was said, of his health, though we believe mainly for political reasons, and went to Edinburgh, where he resided for some time. In this city he mixed extensively with all the scientific men, was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society, and read several scientific papers before that and other Institutions. But although warmly received, and enjoying a high reputation as a man of science, he forsook the attractions of the Scottish capital, and in 1839 took up his residence near Portree. There he lived a up his residence near Portree. There he lived a most retired life, devoting all his time to geological excursions in the Hebrides, and writing papers on scientific subjects. Pressing offers of hospitality from the gentry in Skye were declined; and, denying himself all the luxuries and refinements common to a person in his station, he lived aloof from society, only one or two persons being admitted

The writer of this remembers meeting Prof. Neckar's nephew at Portree a few years ago. He had journeyed from Paris expressly to see his uncle, and to persuade him, if possible, to leave Skye, and come among his friends in Paris during his old age. But no persuasions would induce him to leave his wild Highland home, and he died, as he livel, amidst strangers. Being in the habit of receiving a great number of scientific publications from the Continent, he kept up his acquaintance with the scientific world to the last; and having made very extensive collections in Natural History, he devoted a considerable time to writing memoirs of them. We believe that among other MSS. which he has left, is one on Ornithology treated geographically, which is ready for publication. He has also left a great mass of Meteorological observations, besides large collections of objects in Ornithology, Ichthy. ology, Conchology and Geology.

Prof. Neckar was altogether a remarkable man; and although he shunned society during his residence in Skye, we always heard him spoken of as kind and benevolent to the poor of Portree and

the neighbourhood.

OUR WEEKLY GOSSIP.

An Obelisk for the Prince Consort, if your Majesty pleases—would be our humble addition to Majescy pleases—would be our number addition to the reference so properly made to the Queen, by those subscribers for a monument, who met at the Mansion House, on Tuesday morning. Not, how-ever, an Egyptian, but an English obelish; not a Pharaonic shaft, covered with the emblems of an extinct faith, and of a civilization which is not ours; but a Christian memorial, with a fitting inscription in the language which he spoke and which every one can read. We advocate an obelisk, not only on account of its beauty, its unity and its durabi ity, but because it was a form of decoration which the Prince had studied deeply and was extremely anxious to naturalize in this country. Personal reasons therefore blend with artistic reasons for such a choice. It is no secret that lengths of granite, well adapted for monolithic ornament, are found on the Prince of Wales's estate of Cheesewring in Cornwall. One such length was brought under the Prince's attention three or four years ago; and considerable progress has been made at his desire, in shaping the block for public use. That shaft may be found too small to allow of all the sculptural additions which should decorate the base; but a larger block may be easily found and cut. It is, we believe, a mere question of expense. An English obelisk standing on a pedestal, with figures at the base and a suitable in scription, would in our opinion be the proper form for a monument to the Prince Consort

But while advocating a public and visible witness to Albert the Good of this monumental kind, as in harmony with the general wishes, we do himself more honoured by the foundation, in his name, of a practical institution—such as an Industrial University, with Museum, lectures and travelling scholarships for the most deserving students the point to which his chief social activities, his speeches, his presidencies and his Great Exhibitions were leading the public mind. We are glad, therefore, to see the Society of Arts, while contributing the munificent sum of a thousand guineas toward an obelisk or what not, expressing their desire to aid in founding an Industrial University. The Society, thanks very much to the Prince, has risen of late years into a position of extraordinary pros It is understood that when steps shall be taken to establish such an institution as the one proposed, their contribution to the fund will be still more handsome.

We put the letter of the Society, announcing these intentions, on record:-

"Society of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce, Adelphi, London, Jan. 13.
"My Lord Mayor,—Although the meeting to be holden to-morrow may be considered, perhaps, only as a preliminary one towards organizing a national testimonial in commemoration of His Royal Highness the Prince Consort, the Society of Arts cannot allow it to take place without affording

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nometoken of its sincere regard for its late President, metoken of his services to arts, science and manufactures, and of its wish to do all in its power to assist in establishing a memorial worthy of that great Prince. I am desired, therefore, to inform your Lordship, that the Council, subject to the confirmation of the Society, have voted the sum of 1,000 guineas, to be applied towards the erection of a national monument, the design of which, as well as the mode of execution, shall have been well as the mode or execution, shall have been approved by the Queen. The Council also direct me to acquaint your Lordship that, in taking this step—which they regard only as one of others which may be adopted to perpetuate the Prince's memory it is in their contemplation to aid in founding an —it is in their contemplation to aid in founding an industrial University, and in establishing travelling scholarships, in honour of the Prince, both of which objects his Royal Highness their President had deeply at heart.—I have the honour to be your Lordship's most obedient servant,

"P. LE NEVE FOSTER, Secretary."

"The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor."

The chair of Chemistry in the University of Aberdeen is vacant by the death of Dr. Fyfe. Under the recent ordinances of the University Commissioners, the chair is a valuable one, and there are a teaching assistant and a laboratory attendant attached to it, with salaries, besides an allowance for class expenses. The patronage is vested in the Lord Rector and other members of the University Court, six in all, including the

The Alpine Club, by the publication of 'Peaks, Passes, and Glaciers,'—a second series of which is about to appear,—and other papers, has long since testified that it is more than a mere eating and drinking club, or a fraternity of dilettante grimpeurs, as a French writer recently called it. And now the Committee of the Club are wisely endeayouring to turn the boldness of its members to use, by inviting them to render an account of their notable mountain-adventures. With this view the Committee have prepared blank forms for the use of the Members of the Club, each of which bears this heading:-"The Committee of the Alpine Club having approved of a plan for recording Alpine excursions of interest, those Members who may be willing to promote this object are requested to insert in the subjoined Register particulars of their expeditions, devoting one form to each expedition."

The Governor of Victoria has written a very civil official letter, full of sympathy and regret, detailing the unhappy termination of Messrs. Burke and Mills's gallant journey across the continent of Australia. The noble fellows have lost their lives, not in attacking the unknown wilderness, where the bravest and wisest have to trust in God and themselves; but in the return from a great discothemselves; but in the return from a great discovery, and at a spot where they had every right to expect relief. Where the fault lies we do not, at this distance, pretend to judge. Private letters from the colony glow with indignation at what they term "official neglect." One letter, now before us, says, "You will read by this mail of the sad story of our exployers. Burke and Mills. I do not us, says, "You will read by this mail of the sad story of our explorers, Burke and Mills. I do not know anything more tragic or heroic. For the first time they crossed the continent, and reached the sea on the other side; and then came back to die of starvation, at what should have been the relief depôt! A worse case of official bungling it is impossible to conceive. The poor fellows were actually abandoned to their fate; after leaving the frontier, the official persons believing that they would never come back, and making no preparation whatever for their return. The discoveries made by Burke are of the greatest value, he having made by Burke are of the greatest value, he having found a beautiful well-watered country all the way to the Gulf of Carpentaria." The Governor of Yietoria says, in his public communication, "It would be difficult to tell the sad story of the sufferings and death of the brave men who returned

and report thereupon, it would obviously be improper in me to anticipate their conclusion." We trust Sir Henry Barkly will pursue the inquiry home. Meanwhile, we are glad to see that he proposes to call the newly-discovered country "Burke's Land." The compliment is just, and will be some small consolation to his family and feined by the some small consolation to his family and the higher drama with effect, as the most suitable for a period of solemnity.

Mr. Mark Lemon delivered the second part of his lectures "About London City without the Walls." His illustrations consisted of the Earliest View of the Tower, Barbican, St. Bartholomew Priory, friends.

The publication of the Principal Triangulation of the United Kingdom in 1858 has excited great interest amongst geometricians throughout Europe, and especially in Russia, where a warm contro-versy has been carried on in communications to the versy has been carried on in communications to the Academy of Sciences of St. Petersburg, between General Schubert and M. Otto Struve, the former contending that the publication of the 'Principal Triangulation' "has opened a new field for geodesy, in introducing in the measurements and in the calculations an element which, up to the present time, has been entirely neglected," and that until the correction for "local attraction" to the observed latitudes is applied to the great Scandinavo-Russian are of meridian, as it has been in the measurement of the English are, the work in the measurement of the English arc, the work cannot be considered as a finished and a complete scientific work. M. Struve, on the other hand, contends that, as we cannot estimate the full amount of local attraction in all places, it is better to omit the correction for it altogether.

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A note in Evelyn's Diary, August 15, 1657, shows how an acrobat's performances of his day beat M. Blondin's most afflicting feats all to nothing. It is worth extracting:—"Going to London with some company, we stept in to see a famous rope-dancer called the Turk. I saw, even to astonishment, the agility with which he performed; he walked barefooted, taking hold with his toes only of a rope almost perpendicular, and without so much as touching it with his hands; he danced blindfold on the high rope, and with a boy of twelve years old tied to one of his feet about twenty feet beneath him, dangling as he danced, yet he moved as nimbly as if it had been but a feather. Lastly, he stood on his head on the top of a very high mast, danced on a small rope that of a very high mast, danced on a small rope that was very slack, and finally flew down the perpen-dicular on his breast, his head foremost, his legs and arms extended, with divers other activities."

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Mr. George Ticknor has completed his 'Life of Prescott,' the historian. But the war on the Potomac paralyzes all literary enterprise in Boston. It is quite uncertain when the book will appear. The new edition of Mr. Ticknor's 'History of Spanish Literature' has been in type for six months; but the publishers dare not bring it out. Newspapers are now the only reading of the New World.

The request made by the Committee of the proposed Davy monument at Penzance for designs has posed Davy monument at Penzance for designs has been responded to by various persons, who have sent in ten designs. Of these the Committee give the preference to two, by Messrs. Perran and Salter. One represents a granite column, 120 feet high, of fluted Doric, surmounted by a statue in bronze of the eminent philosopher; the other represents a massive tower, of pure Italian architecture. We understand that the inhabitants of Penzance, at whose cost the monument will be erected, are greatly in favour of the columnar memorial. greatly in favour of the columnar memorial.

The Lord Chamberlain having determined to set The Lord Chamberlain having determined to set the theatrical profession free to perform drama during Passion-Week, an address has been presented to him by the Hon. Colin Lindsay, and other members of the Church Union, stating that such a permission to open the Metropolitan theatres in the Holy Week, is a violation of solemn obligations, the control over theatrical representations belonging originally to the Church, and assumed by Queen Elizabeth, not as head of the State but Governor of the Church. The Lord Chamberlain is not likely to listen to this argument. He has, indeed, conferred a benefit on the public by putting indeed, conferred a benefit on the spot where they expected to find friends and ample store of provisions and clothing, only to find the depôt abandoned, and to perish miserably in default of assistance, without at least implying blame in some quarter or other; and, as a good blame in some quarter or other; and, as a good deal is still enveloped in mystery, and I have appointed a commission of inquiry to take evidence

Mr. Mark Lemon delivered the second part of his lectures "About London," on Monday, and treated of 'Old London City without the Walls.' His illustrations consisted of the Earliest View of the Tower, Barbican, St. Bartholomew Priory, Bartlemy Fair, Fleet Prison, Staples Inn, Old Fleet Street, and the Temple from the River. All of these do credit to the pencils of Mr. Thompson Fleet Street, and the Temple from the River. All of these do credit to the pencils of Mr. Thompson and Mr. Dalby; some of them have combined the talents of both artists. On all the topics indicated Mr. Lemon dwelt with exemplary care, and placed the subject distinctly, though briefly, before his audience. The attention that he commands he well deserves; and the course, we think, is likely to be encouraged by the intelligent, who resort to the lecture-room not merely for light amusement, but with an earnest desire to be instructed, for the sake of the neculiar stimulus which always the sake of the peculiar stimulus which always attends personal teaching, and in which its real advantage consists.

A friend suggests, in order to get rid of one awkward part of the unlucky inscription on the Guards' Monument, a repetition of the names of our Crimean victories, that "Alma" might be placed on one side, "Inkermann" on a second, and "Sebastopol" where the word "Crimea" is now painted on the pedestal. This change would certainly simplify the inscription.

A Mr. Bouchier, who writes to us from Furnival's Inn about "the cowardly attacks" made by various gentlemen "on Mr. Thornbury in his absence," seems to be suffering under an inability to grasp at actual facts. There has been no attack in the pages of the Athenœum on 'The Life of Turner' or on its writer,—no condemnation of the book as to its conception, construction, taste the book as to its conception, construction, taste and style: nothing but an authoritative correction of particular errors made by the parties concerned, under their own signatures. Mr. McOonnel, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Pye and Mr. Eliott, have nothing to do with Mr. Thornbury's trip to Egypt; they have to do with the current statements in his book, by which, if they were silent, they would suffer wrong. It would be absurd to ask them to refrain from contradicting falsehoods which affect their character, and which absured as them to remain from contracting falsehoods which affect their character, and which every subscriber to Mr. Mudie's may find sent home in his box, because the circulator of these falsehoods has chosen to leave London for a few

The old mansion in the beautiful demesne of Tempo, in the county Fermanagh, which was the scene of that remarkable Irish story, 'Castle Rackrent,' by Miss Edgeworth, has disappeared—having recently been taken down by Sir J. Emerson Tennent, who is rebuilding it. It was the castle of the Maguires, an ancient race, ennobled by James the Second, from whom the estates passed into the family of the present proprieter. The James the Second, from whom the estates passed into the family of the present proprietor. The house which he has just removed contained the apartments in which Miss Edgeworth placed the long imprisonment of Lady Cathcart by her husband, Col. Maguire (who was the Sir Kit of the tale), and the window out of which the forlorn lady, to preserve her diamonds from her husband, threw them down to a beggar-woman, who faithfully conveyed them to the person to whom Lady Catheart wished them confided, and from whom, many years after, she received them in safety, on her escape from confinement.

A curious statistical return, deduced from hospital cases, has been recently made by M. Baudin, of Paris. He states that out of 239 persons bitten by mad animals who died from hydrophobia, 157 by mad animais who died from hydrophoona, 157 were men, and 82 were women; and that 199 were bitten by dogs, 26 by wolves, 13 by cats, and 1 by a fox.—He adds, that there are in France 2 cases of rabies to every million persons.

decision in 1858, by an Aide-de-camp of the Grand-Duke of Baden, M. de Goler, in a work on Julius M. Bocquet has surveyed the locality strictly according to the hints of Cæsar, and agrees most decidedly with the hints of M. de Goler. the plain, which measures about 175 hectares, the whole nation of the Aduatici found plenty of room.

The Committee of the Arndt Monument, at Bonn, has at last come to the resolution-not where the Arndt monument is to stand-this, we suppose, will require another couple of years' conration-but that Arndt's house is not to be pulled down, as was first intended; but, on the contrary, to be preserved in good order and in its original condition. Thus a relic of the German poet and patriot is saved to the nation, which will fully appreciate the good sense and feeling of this resolution.

Mr. MARK LEMON ABOUT LONDON, with Pictorial Illustrations, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at Three, and LONDON CONTROL OF THE WALLS. Eight Illustrations.—Stalls, 3s, 2 Unreserved Seats, 2s, 1s. Stalls can be secured at the Royal Gallery of Illustration, 14, Regent Street, Waterloo Place without feel; Mr. Sams's, St. James's Street; and Mr. Mitchell's, Bond Street. Each Part is complete in itself.
Mr. and Mrs. German Reed's Entertainment as usual every Artemoon, at Three.

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SOCIETIES.

ROYAL - Jan. 9 .- General Sabine, President, in the chair.—The following papers were read:—
'Preliminary Note on the Nature and Qualities of Voltaic Electricity,' by Mr. Gore.—'On the Diurnal Tides of Port Leopold, North Somerset, by the Rev. S. Haughton .- 'On the Posterior Lobes of the Cerebrum of the Quadrumana,' by Mr. Flower. —'On the General Forms of the Symmetrical Properties of Plane Triangles,' by Mr. T. Dobson.—
'Note on Ethylene-dichloride of Platinum,' by P. Griess and Dr. Martins.

Geographical. - Jan. 13. - Sir Roderick I Murchison, V.P., in the chair.—Commander R. C. Mayne, R.N., Rev. J. Palmer, Sir J. Rowe, C.B., Col. H. D. White, C.B., G. F. Banks, A. Barton, L. Clark, J. Goddard, jun., J. M'Cosh, M.D., F. Mar-tin, H. Nourse, G.D. Ramssy, A. Thorae, and W. F. Webb, Esqs., were elected Fellows.—Several photographs taken in the Andaman Islands, and various bows and arrows, nets, and drinking-vessels used by the aborigines of those Islands, were exhibited at the Meeting .--The Chairman read an Address of Condolence to Her Majesty. He then read an extract from a letter to him from the Governor of South Australia, announcing that Burke and Mills had crossed the Australian continent, and returned to Cooper Creek, where they had miserably perished from starvation. Sir Roderick next read extracts from a letter addressed to him by Mr. R. Thornton, descriptive of his journey from Mombas to Kiléma, made in company with a German, Baron von Decken. They had attempted to ascend the snow-capped Kilimandjaro, but had to turn back after having reached the height of 8,000 feet, and returned by Dafeta to Wanga on the coast. They estimated the height of Kilimandjaro from 15,000 to 20,000. Mr. Thornton then enters into a full description of the physical and geological features of the country, and concludes by expressing a hope shortly to return to Mombas to examine the Rabbai coal-fields .- Dr. Mouat, of the Bengal army, read a paper, entitled 'Narrative of an Expedition to the Andaman Islands,' in 1857.—Mr. Galton read a paper, 'On the Trade of the Eastern Archipelago with New Guinea and its Islands,' by A. R. Wallace, Esq.

Geological. — Jan. 8. — Sir C. Lyell in the chair. — C. S. Wood, R. H. Valpy, and W. S. Horton, Esqs., were elected Fellows. — The following communications were read:— On the Carboning communications. iferous Limestone of Oreton and Farlow, Clee Hills, Shropshire,' by Prof. J. Morris, and G. E. Roberts, Esq.; with a Note upon a new species of Pterichthys, by Sir P. de M. G. Egerton, Bart.,—'On some Fossil Plants, showing Structure, from the Lower Coal-measures of Lancashire,' by E. W.

Binney, Esq.—'Supplemental Notes on the Plant-beds of Central India,' by the Rev. S. Hislop, in a letter to the Assistant-Secretary.

ASIATIC. - Jan. 11. - Lord Strangford, President, in the chair.—The Hon. R. Curzon was elected a resident, and Capt. J. Puckle, a non-resident Member.—Mr. A. A. Roberts presented an antique carved stone cup, and two ancient inscribed copperplates, which were dug up in the neighbourhood of Hassan-Abdal, near Rawul-Pindee in the Punjab. From a first examination, by E. Norris, Esq. and Sir H. Rawlinson, these plates are found to be inscribed in the so-called Bactrian (or Cabul) characters, formed of small sunk dots, similarly to those found in the Manikyala Tope, which have not yet been satisfactorily read and explained. They are valuable, then, as affording to scholars more copious materials for study. One plate contains five lines; the second four; and in this second plate the word Takhasila (Taxila) is read. That city has been supposed by some to have stood on the site of Manikyala; but Sir H. Rawlinson prefers to assign the true site to Hassan-Abdal, situated in a fertile plain; whereas Manikyala stands where a city never could have flourished. Many other words are clearly legible on the plates; but no definite meaning to the inscriptions is yet assigned. —An impression from a seal in ancient Phoenician characters, presented by Niven Moore, Esq., British Consul-General at Beyrut, was lately presented. The word Ba'l is patent, and that of Melkart is probable; but in the rest of the short inscription letters of unusual form occur, and render the reading very difficult.

SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES .- Jan. 9 .- The Exhibition of Early-Printed Books was resumed this evening, when a paper was read by Mr. Winter Jones, Keeper of Printed Books in the British Museum. Among the contributors on this occasion were Her Majesty the Queen, the Earl Spencer, the Dean and Chapter of Westminster, the Master and Seniors of Trinity College, Cambridge, the Marquess of Bristol and Mr. Tite, M. Libri, the Rev. J. F. Russell, Mr. Slade, Mr. Luard, Mr. Boone, &c. On the previous occasion (Dec. 12) Mr. Tite, who contributed upwards of eighty volumes to the Exhibition, illustrating every branch of the art, from block-books to Shakspeare quartos, read a paper, which, by the facts it set forth, left Mr. Winter Jones at liberty to pass over in silence many points on which he would otherwise have expatiated, and to confine himself, in the main, to a description of the books exhibited, and of the mass of valuable illustrations of the history of printing. After speaking of the characteristics of each nation, as illustrated both by the nature of the printing and of the matter printed, Mr. Jones adverted to the vexed question of wood or metal types. That wooden types were used was proved by five large letters there exhibited, and which might have been cut in wood, as being too large to be cast, and used to stamp letters in blind. The notion that types, in the infancy of the art, were cut by the goldsmiths-that is, the metal-workers of the period-receives corroboration from the fact established by Mr. Panizzi in a privately-printed pamphlet, viz., that the famous painter Francia is one and the same person with Francesco da Bologna, who executed types for Aldus. Mr. Jones then made some very interesting remarks on the fact of types being copied from handwriting, on the first introduction of Roman types in various countries, and on that of punctuation, signatures, catch-words and title-pages. After these preliminary remarks, Mr. Jones called attention to the blocks and block-books exhibited. He expressed his opinion that Lord Spencer's block of St. Christopher must still be regarded as the earliest known. The impression exhibited of a French block-book was all but unique; only one other was known, to wit, an 'Ars Moriendi,' at Lille. Unique altogether was the xylographic account of the Bresils, printed at Augsburg, circa 1498. In proceeding to speak of the Early-Printed Books of Germany and the Low Countries, Mr. Winter Jones expressed his opinion, that the controversy as to the precise cradle of the art was one which in the ab-

sence of evidence could never be decisively settled All the established facts were in favour of Mayence The earliest book with a date is an 'Indulgence of the year 1455.' The next book is commonly called the year 1403. The next book as commonly cannot "The Mentz Psalter." A fine copy was exhibited by permission of Her Majesty. The initial letter of this book afford the earliest instance of printing in colours, and indeed of printing initial letters at all, for they were generally filled in by an illumination nator. After enumerating all the books which we may believe on stronger evidence than conjecture were printed anterior to 1462, Mr. Winter Jones proceeded to show how the Mentz printers were dispersed to all parts of the world, by a revolution at Mentz and the sacking and burning of that city. In 1465, however, Fust and Schoeffer were again established, and the first Latin classic, Cicen, 'De Officiis,' not without the interspersion of the first Greek type, was the result. A copy of this work was exhibited that evening. Among the curiosities exhibited that evening, Mr. Jones called particular attention to a copy-the only known copy—of Tyndale's translation of the Book of Jonah. This translation had so entirely escaped research, that it had been contended with much plausibility that Tyndale had never, in fact, executed it, though the "Prologue" was avowedly his. The Marquess of Bristol, how ever, a Vice President of the Society, laid upon the table that evening a copy of the Prologue and of the translation bound up together, and, what is more, in the original binding. The discovery of this book was only made, by accident, a few weeks since, and the Society is much indebted to Lord Bristol for having thus introduced it to public notice. The fact is now indisputable that Tyndale translated the Book of Jonah. With regard to Coverdale's Bible, which is generally said to have been printed at Zurich, Mr. Jones mentioned that Lord Ashburnham had in his possession a book, printed at Frankfurt-on-the-Main, of the same type as the Bible; which went to corroborate Mr. Pickering's theory, that it was printed at the last-named city. From Germany, Mr. Jones passed on through Italy and France to England.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF LITERATURE. - Jan. 8 .- J. G. Teed, Esq., in the chair.—The Rev. B. W. Savile was elected a Member.—Mr. Vaux read two papers, communicated by Dr. Reinhold Pauli. 1, On a curious Political Poem, referring to the Troublow Times of Edward II. and III., which is preserved in a manuscript volume belonging to the Royal Public Library at Stuttgard.' This book, curiously enough, still bears the names of three Englishmen, enough, som bears the names of three Enginements, there being inscribed within it, "Fairfax of we gift of Capt. Wm. Bradford," and "Nune e libris Rad: Thoresby, Leodiensis." Dr. Pauli expresses his belief that the first is the Parliamentary General. the other one of the many Englishmen who, about the same time, were professed monks in French or Belgian monasteries. These verses are written in a well-known metre in strophes of four lines, the latter rhyming in the middle and at the end. Latinity is very bad, and occasional words defy explanation — 2, containing a remarkable 'Narrative by an Eye-Witness of the Progress of Charles V. from Bruges to London to visit Henry VIII.' It is now preserved in the Imperial Library at Vienna. It is unfortunately very imperfect, but contains some curious notices, especially one of the state of the tomb of St. Thomas à Becket, only a year of two before its final demolition.—Mr. Vaux also read a paper, communicated by H. Fox Talbot, V.P., containing a translation of the famous Cylinder of Sennacherib, now in possession of Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart. This Cylinder, if it has been correctly deciphered, would seem to contain a very valuable account of the great works executed at Babylon by that king.

BRITISH ARCHÆOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION. - Jan. 8. —T. J. Pettigrew, Esq., V.P., in the chair.—The following were elected Associates.—R. N. Philipps, Esq., A. Shute, Esq., T. Shapter, M.D., W. P. King. Esq. and C. Pearce, Esq.—Mr. G. Godwin communicated further particulars of the discovery made at Worcester Cathedral.—Mr. Pettigrew alluded to and produced a drawing of the Leaden Coffin of

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Dr. W. Harvey, the discoverer of the Circulation of the Blood, at Hempstead, Essex, which is in the human form.—Mr. Syer Cuming exhibited three early Seals, in the possession of the Corporation of early Seals, in the possession of the Corporation of Canterbury, and gave a particular description of them.—Dr. Kendrick exhibited an impression of the Seal of Roger, porter of the Castle of Exeter.—Mr. Gidley, town clerk of Exeter, exhibited impressions of three Seals of the fourteenth century, belonging to the Corporation, being the Civic Seal, the Seal of the Mayor, and the Seal for the Recognizance of Debts.—Mr. T. G. Norris also exhibited impressions of two Seals of the fifteenth century, belonging to Exeter; that of the College of Vicars Choral, and of Thomas Dene, the last Prior of St. James's Abbey.—Mr. Syer Cuming read some notes 'On Roman Remains found in Exeter'; and alluded to the Penates discovered in 1778, upon which a paper was read by Mr. Pettigrew at the late Congress. The Bronze Penates were laid upon the table, being two of Mercury, one of Mars, one of Ceres, and another of Apollo.—Mr. P. O. Hutchinson sent a another of Apollo.—Mr. P. O. Hutchinson sent a drawing of a Bronze Celt, found with many others in a tumulus five miles north-east of Sidmouth, "the Stone Barrow Plot," completely levelled in oral ivory Miniature of R. Wright exhibited an oral ivory Miniature of Queen Elizabeth, supposed to be by Zucchero. — Mr. Solly produced two Miniatures of the Queen, by Isaac Oliver and Hilliard (?), both from Dr. Mead's collection.—Mr. Cuming exhibited a Bronze Medallion of the same, of fine workmanship, probably by Hilliard;—Mr. Bohn, a Miniature of Elizabeth, by Vertue; and another, on copper, in oil, together with Portraits of Mary, and a large Silver Chasing of the latter, having a date of 1580.—Mr. Charles Ainslie exhibited a Sovereign of Elizabeth, issued in the fortynned a Sovereign of Enzadezh, issued in the forty-third year of her reign, found in December last among the débris of a house in Cheapside, opposite Bow Church.—The remainder of the evening was eccupied in the reading of a paper, by the Rev. C.H. Hartshorne, being 'Illustrations of Domestic Manners during the Reign of Edward the First.'

ARCHEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE,—Jan.10.—W.Tite, Esq., M.P., V.P., in the chair.—Mr. Petrie communicated drawings and a notice of remains of a church of circular form, called the Girth House, existing in Orkney, near the ruins of the palace of Jarl Paul, who resided there in the twelfth century. As an example of this peculiar type, of which so many are to be found in the northern parts of Europe, this little church is believed to be unique in North Britain. In general plan it precisely resembles the little church at Altenfurt, near Nuremberg. It is remarkable that no church of this form exists in Ireland.—Prof. Donaldson then made some remarks on this curious class of ecclesiastical structures, and the examples in our own country, all of which belong to the twelfth century; and Mr. Tite invited attention to the Round Church at Northampton, which he had lately visited: it had suffered much from neglect and decay, and is now in course of restoration, under the care of Mr. Scott. This restoration had been proposed as a memorial to the late Marquis of Northampton, whose kindness and generous encou-Agenet as their President in former years the Institute must ever hold in grateful remembrance.

—A memoir was read, addressed by one of the Foreign Correspondents of the Institute, Count Tyszkiewicz, a learned Associate of the Society of Antiquaries of Wilna, and illustrative of various neval antiquities—entrenchments, tumuli, &c. primerval antiquities—entrenchments, tumuli, &c.—
in Lithuania. Of these a series of careful plans
were sent for comparison with those of similar
remains in Britain. After some general observations of considerable interest in regard to the
archaeology of his country, the Count explained
the divisions under which the ancient vestiges may be classified: namely, the singular earthworks at the confluence of rivers;—entrenched sites on the summits of mountains, sacred, as supposed, to the worship of the gods, and where small circular cavities occur constantly, in which ashes and charred wood are found, the traces, it is believed, of sacrifices;—the third class includes mounds and authworks believed, the hore detailed for earthworks, believed to have been destined for

holding councils or for judicial proceedings;—
and, lastly, were described the tumuli, called Kurhany: some of them being posts of observation,
like watch-towers; others following the lines of
ancient roads, whilst the greater number are
sepulchral — and in these are found weapons
and relics of stone, bronze, and other metals,
analogous to those by which the vestiges of the
earlier periods are characterized in England and
other narts of Europe. Beads of coloured earlier periods are characterized in England and other parts of Europe. Beads of coloured glass and of amber are likewise found in abundance.—A learned discourse was then delivered by Mr. E. Lloyd, of Ramsgate, controverting the opinions of the Astronomer Royal and of Mr. Lewin, relative to the spot where Cæsar landed in Britain. Mr. Lloyd's views appeared to be grounded on careful examination of the localities, with which his residence is Kest hed zeed his facilities. his residence in Kent had made him familiar; and in support of the received opinion that the Portus Itius, whence Casar set forth, was at Wissant, he relied upon Ptolemy, and Casar's statement that he sailed from the port nearest to Britain, with the distinct assertion that he landed in Cantium, a distinct assertion that he landed in Cantium, a name, which Mr. Lloyd maintained, strictly applied to the Isle of Thanet, and never extended further than Dover and Canterbury. He asserted that there is no authority for assigning the name to Romney Marsh, where some learned writers had fixed the landing-place in question. Mr. Lloyd was disposed to regard Shoulden, to the west of Deal, as the precise spot; and he contended that at the time when Cæsar approached the British coast, the flood-tide carried him the British coast, the flood-tide carried him strongly to the northward. He proceeded to point out, from his local knowledge, the great physical changes which had taken place on that part of the coast between Deal and Ramsgate, and especially in regard to the estuary formerly existing between Sandwich and Reculver in the direction now indicated only by the course of the Stour; he declared his belief that these results had been chiefly produced by the deepening of the channel in the Straits of Dover.—A notice was then read of the Breden-stone, the remains of a Roman pharos on the Western Heights at Dover, and of which on the Western Heights at Dover, and of which as exposed to view last summer in the course of forming barracks, a photograph was exhibited by Mr. W. Clayton, of that town. The shapeless mass of masonry, known formerly as the Devil's Drop, is mentioned by Lambarde and other writers on Kentish antiquities; it probably marked the site of a Roman pharos, on the west side of the harbour at the mouth of the Door. The Lords Warden were in olden times sworn into office on this Breden-stone, which had been covered up with chalk and rubbish, and concealed from view in 1806, cmain and rudoust, and conceated not view in 1800, to be again exposed for a few days during the recent operations, and again wholly lost and forgotten.

—The Rev. C. Y. Crawley sent a drawing of the magnificent gold church-plate at Matson, Glouces tershire, taken from a church at the Havannah by tersnire, taken from a church at the Havannah by the Earl of Albemarle, and given by him to George Augustus Selwyn, by whom this costly treasure was presented to the Church of Matson.—Miss Ffarington brought a good specimen of the primitive axe-head of stone, a celt of curiously streaked chert found near Honiton, Devon.—Mr. Bernhard Smith exhibited specimens of ancient armour, portions of which were from the Arsenal at Constantipuble including a canical helmet with pasal and tions of which were from the Arsenal at Constantinople, including a conical helmet with nasal and
plume, and a mark impressed, as supposed, in Cufic
characters; also some portions of engraved and
russet horse armour, apparently Spanish.—Mr.
Webb exhibited a very fine ivory casket, sculptured
with mythological subjects, recently obtained from
the Treasury of the Cathedral of Veroli in the Roman States; it was considered by Canon Roch to be a work of an early classical period.—Mr. Mills sent a diminutive ivory diptych, sculptured with figures of saints, and found in a leaden coffin in Chichester Cathedral. It appeared to be of English workmanship.

ETHNOLOGICAL.—Jan. 14.—J. Crawfurd, Esq., President, in the chair.—The new Members elected were:—J. S. Crowley, J. Ellis, J. P. Gassiot, F. Husband, D. Nicol, J. D. Ramsay, and W. Somerville, Esqs. As Corresponding Members, R. Clarke, H. Dickinman, R. B. Smyth, and G. W. Earl,

Esqs. The paper read was by Prof. Owen, 'On the Osteology and Dentition of the Andaman' Islanders.' During the past year, Prof. Owen received from Dr. Mouat, who had been to the Andamans for the purpose of establishing a convict station for the Indian rebels, whose lives had been spared, a skull of a male Andaman, who had been killed under unavoidable circumstances. Prof. Owen's description of the skull has already as Owen's description of the skull has already appeared in the Athenœum.

Institution of Civil Engineers.—Jan. 14.— J. Hawkshaw, Esq., President, in the chair.—Mr. Hawkshaw delivered his inaugural address.—At Hawkshaw derivered in singular address.—At the monthly ballot, the following candidates were elected:—Messrs. A. L. Light, J. R. Mosse, and J. C. Smith, as Members; Lord Richard Grosvenor, M.P., and Messrs. H. A. Hunt, jun. and H. H. Keeling, as Associates.

ROYAL INSTITUTION.—Special General Meeting.
—Jan. 13.—The Rev. J. Barlow, V.P., in the chair.—An Address to Her Majesty, in reference to the decease of H.R.H. the Prince Consort, Vice-Patron of the Royal Institution, on December 14th last, was read and adopted.

SYRO-EGYPTIAN.—Jan. 14.—W. Camps, M.D., in the chair.—A paper was read by the Secretary, communicated by the Rev. J. H. Abraball, being an account of a visit made to the Cedars of Lebanon in the winter-time, while the mountains were still covered with snow; and the difficulties, and even perils, of the undertaking were by no means inconsiderable. The writer described the cedars as being about 100 in number; but of these, about twelve were veterans, and of greater dimensions than the others: one of them measuring about thirty feet in girth.

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 Royal Institution, 3.— Physiology of the Senses, Mr. Marshall.
 WED. Society of Arts, 8.—'Recent Exhibition of Florence,' Mr. Geological, 8.—'Plint Implements near Bedford,' Mr. Wyatt; 'Hymanden at Wookey Hole, near Wells,' Mr. Dawkins; 'Derfic containing Arctic Shells, &c., Wolverhampton,' Rev. W. Lister.
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 Royal Institution, 9.—'Brain of Man and Animals,' Prof. Royal Institution, 3.—'English Language,' Rev. A. J. D'Orsey.
 Aslatic, 3.

FINE ARTS

The English School of Painting in Water-Colours, its Theory and Practice. By A. Penley. (Day & Son.)

THERE must be purchasers for huge books upon the subject of water-colour painting—books which measure more than fifteen inches in width and are close upon two feet in length, demanding a good-sized table for display and a light porter for carriage. If this is not the case, what can have induced Mr. Penley to produce this costly tome, with margins more ample than the whole surface of some of Turner's most glorious drawings, and printed with type as distressing to the eye from the unaccustomed distressing to the eye from the unaccusioned space it occupies as a minute letter is from the reverse cause? These things are entirely matters of habit, and, no doubt, if we were used to such vast volumes they would be wielded with the ease of Dominie Sampson himself; nevertheless, as the custom runs in favour of octavos of moderate dimensions, and there appears from Mr. Penley's text no special reason why he should shut himself up in a folio, —for the light of novelty he possesses a duo-decimo would hide,—we object, in the name of probable purchasers, to the wasteful amplitude of his publication. The chromo-lithographic

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illustrations do not need this extreme expense for their display, seeing that most of them have margins of very needless width, fitter for mounting and framing to hang upon a wall than to be borne about the world in a book.

Had our author anything particularly new or striking to impart, we might be induced to be thankful for it in any form or bulk. Novelty of value we miss, and surely a less than folio page might have sufficed to tell us that "not only soft and pleasing effects, but even such as are powerful and daring in their character, have been produced, during the last few years, by the English School; and the excellence of this school has been acknowledged by our foreign contemporaries. No longer at a loss for materials with which to shape his conception, no longer fearful of attempts that once would have been deemed audacious, the painter gives full scope to his powers, and brings his work to a successful issue because he is regardless of anything but that issue.' Really such phrases as these might have been written with equal truth any time within the twenty years last past, but their spirit would have been narrow and foolish because stress is rather laid upon the advantage which has accrued to the English School by the introduction of fresh and brilliant materials than upon the cause which has led to that introduction, i.e., the fact that the genius and courage of men like Turner, David Cox and Mr. William Hunt, saw the scope of the art to be no longer in the feeble pallors of the aquatinting time, but such as fitted it to cope with oil-painting in many qualities, and transcend it in some. It was this energy that demanded and obtained the materials, not the materials which produced the energy.

Mr. Penley claims great merit and userulness for his book on account of its being profusely illustrated in colour with chromolithographs,—a novelty, he leads us to infer. Undoubtedly, colour, to which he chiefly confines himself, can only be taught by ocular demonstration; and for the thought of so teaching it, which recent improvements in chromo-lithography have made practicable, we have to thank him. In a book devoted to the practical and thoroughly technical exercise of the art of painting in any of its branches, it would surely have been expected that some information would be afforded upon the scientific and harmonious distribution of colour. It is true there are many theories for teaching this, but we do not see how a teacher, with the professions of Mr. Penley, could fairly avoid giving an account of one, at least. This omission stamps the character of his book with a strong "drawing-master" like expression. A man might, by diligently drudging through them, learn how to produce, in Mr. Penley's tints, a tolerable drawing-master's idea of a treestump,—old gates and cow-sheds might be got over with some ease, and the daring spirit intent upon "a Highland Loch," and armed with the proper recipe for "a sunset effect," may venture where the angels fear to tread But for any hopeful and poetic spirit of a kind to lead to thoughtful and purposeful motive in using the technicalities of Art, the pupil must not come to Mr. Penley. There is too much of the "drawing-master" spirit about this book. For the examples which he gives us as from nature, having a due knowledge of many of the localities professedly represented by them, we recognize more of the hot and fervid spirit of the showy sketcher, taught in an artificial school, than the modest and moderate love of nature's sweet and low-toned harmonies of colour

to condemn this fallacious practice into which the "drawing-masters" of the present day have fallen. Mr. Penley takes a grey, grave, low, noted ruin, that the North Sea winds have whistled and sobbed about for five hundred years, wearing out the lives of even the lichens, so that its pale grey takes only a greenish shade which is exquisitely beautiful,—this he treats with nothing less than cobalt, and lake, and burnt sienna, and Vandyke brown, till it glows like a half-cooled clinker. We take this little example, and emphasize it because the

blunder is a common one.

The blunder in question is so common that it may be said to be generic with the whole race of so-called "drawing-masters," men who profess to teach the art of drawing at public schools, and, above all, with most mischievous effect at ladies' schools. The managers in the one case and the parents in the other are responsible for much of the error which will do a great deal to foster in the next generation a feeling for reckless and vulgar colour in Art. A pupil who has been so taught to represent a castle like a clinker, with lurid fire in its crevices, will care little for sweeter and really more difficult Violent contrast and opposition, not grave and exquisite harmony of colour, are the common characteristics of Mr. Penley's examples and practice. Here is a large drawing, styled 'Woodland Scenery' (autumn effect), where the ferns in the foreground—they might be decayed cabbages, grass or yellow lichens for any idea of peculiar mass, form and texture they exhibit-seem to have gone mad with excess of gamboge and chrome, striving to vie with a gamboge and burnt-sienna little oak tree to the left. To match this some pines have turned copper green. The taste is bad which can endure such things; it is an example of that dominant in the modern "drawing-master's" mind, who, at one time content with black-lead polishings of "rustic figures," gently rose with the grades of sepia and Indian ink into weak aqua-tints, but now, gone over to the other side, like all weak things in excess, pleases papas and mammas with flaring portents of candent castles upon seas of smalt. Their trees are luminous wool, their rocks do seem on fire, and even a wheelbarrow cannot be treated without combustion.

When a lady amateur spoke to Turner about some of his finest water-colour drawings, and said, "La, Mr. Turner, I see blue, and red, and green and all manner of colours in your paint-ings (of detail)," the painter replied with a question, if she did not see the like in nature; and on getting a negative answer, he finished the subject with a "Then God help you, mam!" What the artist intended to express by his advice and practice was a love of variety of colour, exquisite, delicate and multiform; what

he would avoid of excess.

For the method of teaching adopted by Mr. Penley, we should be inclined to bow to his thirty-five years' experience, if he did not seem to believe that any student can profit by the use of his pages of little parallelograms, twentyfour to the page, of tints sorted out and numbered. Like most drawing-masters, Mr. Penley shirks the question of figures to be introduced into landscapes with very brief consideration. His earnest inculcation of the absolute necessity for good drawing and sound and careful indication of intimate knowledge of form is excellent advice. For the mass of instruction such as can be imparted by a long-accustomed handicraftsman, upon the manipulatory processes of his work, technical "dodges" and serviceable tricks of the palette, this book is which should be the starting-point of a genial teaching of practical Art. It is of importance from it which, knowingly put in practice, will

aid the student and the amateur. People of the class who take delight in the use of sponges, flannels, pounded pumice-stone and what not, for their own sake, as cleverly adapted means to an end, must not forget that they am but means. The real value of this book is to be found in the information thus conveyed, and not less in the serviceable account of the pigments themselves. They are comprehen and complete, including the lovely new pigment, Aureolin, "a primitive yellow, pure, brilliant, transparent and permanent," for which the profession is indebted to Mr. Winsor, who spent three years in perfecting it: a colour of which Mr. Penley speaks, after expenment, in the highest terms.

FINE-ART GOSSIP. - We are informed, and learn the fact with extreme satisfaction, that it is now determined to place in the arcades on the south front of the Exhibition Building, decorations on a large and effective scale of the nature of mosaic. The subjects have not we believe, been entirely decided upon, but of the following, we think, there is no question. The treatment is to be with figures on a large scale representing the peculiar characteristics of the main avocations of the people in commerce, man-factures, trade and labour. Nor are the arts to be forgotten in the Temple dedicated to them. Amongst the subjects already named are Music, which Mr. Horsley has undertaken, Mr. Machewill do his devoir with Masonry; Mr. Mulready, we believe, chooses Fine-Arts; Mr. Hook will represent Fishery, by a scene on the deck of a mackerel-boat, men hauling in nets; Mr. Millais, Navigation, by a man at the wheel. Carpentry, Iron Forging, Excavating, Spinning, and many other subject are spoken of. The main point in this movement, which will require to be heedfully watched, will be that a humar is admitted in the constitube that no hurry is admitted in its execution, -that indifferent artists be not admitted to produce the works, in order to secure rapidity of completion. Such a thing cannot fail to bring ridicule upon the whole idea, for to be done well such works must be not less than nobly done. There is no boundary here between the sublime and the ridiculous. Moreover, the worksublime and the ridiculous. Moreover, the work-men who must be employed to execute much of the mechanical portion of these works, and the various manufacturing processes connected with them, such as preparation of tesseræ, cements, &c., will require time to develope the peculiar skill which practice alone can give, and upon which so much of the result depends. Let these works be prizes for great artists, and they will be well done. Let us avoid, above all things, the feebleness of mediocrity. Few persons will agree that the list above given, brief as it is, does not include one name, at least, which has no claim to such a posi-

The meeting called at Manchester to consider the nature of a memorial to the Prince Consort was presided over by the Bishop of the diocese, who moved a resolution to erect in the city "a fitting and enduring monument" to his late Royal Highness. This was seconded and carried unanimously. The Mayor said that if the committee should determine erect model cottages, or invest the money in scholarships, he would give 100*l*.; but if they determined to erect a marble statue he would give 500*l*. Several gentlemen put down their names for 50k, and about 7001. was contributed before the meeting

This note requires no introduction :-

"January 14, 1862. "We beg leave to thank you for your notice in the number for January 11 of our Illustrated Catalogue of Stained Glass Windows. Your remarks, however, towards the end of the article will lead many to suppose that the designs are not our own. Allow us to assure you that the whole of the windows we have executed, as well as those illustrated in the 'Catalogue,' have been designed by members of the firm. Yours, &c.
"Heaton, Butter & Bayne."

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We have received two lithographic portraits of We have received two integraphic portraits of the Prince Consort and Lord Brougham respec-tively. These are published by Messrs. Darton, and executed by Mr. Stanesby; with no quality of Art, and very little of likeness.

Mr. E. B. Jones, of whose works in stained glass, at Oxford Cathedral, Waltham Abbey and lowhere, we have spoken, has completed a triptych for an altarpiece in St. Paul's Church, Brighton. for an attainment in the Angel of the Annuncia-tion kneeling in a garden of roses. On the left wing is the Virgin Mary, also kneeling, receiving the message, her hands clasped against her breast. the message, are roses and tall lilies. The centre compartment represents the Adoration of the Kings. The Virgin is seated, with the Infant standing upon her knee: above her head is a star. Joseph stands behind. The three kings step forward, stands benind. The three kings step forward, heir leader removing the crown from his own head. The second is an Ethiopian, the third a knight in black armour. The whole effect is dark, grave and richly sombre in colour, and treated, as will be conceived from what is said of the design, with much feeling for certain peculiarities of the Venetian School. Another picture by the artist in nuestion, of the same subject, but extremely different in design from the last, represents the Virgin with the naked Infant on her knee, Joseph, seated behind sustains her with his arm against her shoulbehind sustains her with his arm against her shoulder. The three kings kneel, the foremost dressed in a red robe, holds his coronet in one hand and awreath in the other. The second king is completely arrayed in black armour, as in the first mentioned picture; but here he kneels, bare-headed, mentioned picture; but here he knees, sare-headed, resting one hand upon his helmet placed upon the ground in front, while with the other he bears a smoking censer. The third king is again an Ethiopian, and wears a large balloon turban. Mr. Jones has produced one of the most beautiful studies of colour we have ever seen by a modern artist. The rich vigour and magnificent harmonies are triumplant proofs that we have in him an artist who, having thoroughly mastered the system of the early having thoroughny mastered the system of the early Venetian school of colour, can apply his know-ledge with a perception of the fitness and due character of the wondrous faculty itself, which is almost unprecedented amongst us. The only fault we can find with his achievement in this matter, is that he is almost too faithful, and, while by no means plagiarizing, does not seem to have cared to be bold for himself, and produce a new thing. Mastering the grand old principles, he has dealt with them like an old master. The same singu-larity of character may be seen in the treatment of the figures, which, beautiful as they are, are in one or two cases more successful as effective portrai-tures than apt to the highest ideal of the subject. trues than apt to the highest ideal of the subject. A Venetian phase of feeling is recognizable in this. For example, the Angel has a delicate feminine face of extreme beauty, but without much spiritual gravity. The drawing, also, of this figure is amazingly careless. Want of heed to this noble quality of execution is to be regretted throughout these fine pictures. Not wisely restraining himself within the limit referred to, this artist has produced some exquisite phases of expression, such as gain upon the spectator's feelings with every new moment of examination. The Virgin is truly lovely, the Infant a human angel, the kings are varied, intensely and poetically suggestive. The whole triptych has that gorgeous semi-orientalism of colour and tone, which is luxurious and imaginative, rather elevated and spiritual. At the same time it is intensely human and real.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

PIANOFORTE MUSIC.

HERE we have to deal with a collection of trifles—not "light as air," however, but trifles—in idea—heavily wrought out. The power of making good dasy musicseems to be a lost art—perhaps because the nakedness of the themes so largely handled demands a process of swathing—of decking out—of con-cealment by accumulated ornaments; failing which

they would become insupportable.-A tune by Mozart can be left in all its simplicity; a grand aria by Signor Verdi calls for all the resources of aria by Signor Verti calls for all the resources of the ten fingers on the keyboard to be sufferable in such a form of representation. Which, after all, is essentially the trifle?—Or, take another exam-ple: It may be asserted that there is more real form, variety and beauty in Beethoven's three books of "Bagatelles," than in a year of the single move-ments à la Thalberg, à la Liszt, à la Prudent, published in England. Yet European players leave Beethoven's Bagatelles untouched,—perhaps because they are too trifling.

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One or two more sterling compositions, however, stand out most handsomely in the midst of this wilderness of mediocrity. Deuxième Canzonette, par Stephen Heller, Op. 100 (Cramer & Co.), ushers in the new year delightfully, as did his Waltzes a twelvementh since. This, however, is no "trifle" (giving the phrase its better significance), but a composition at once solid and picturesque, which may take its place with the best of Chopin's Ballades. The theme, however, hardly befits the title. Though expressive, plaintive and marked, it is not vocal. It is excellently wrought, however; the episode, più mosso, has a life, a spirit, a persistence, contrasting happily with the wailing first sistence, contrasting happily with the wailing first subject. The interest, though prolonged, is sus-tained till the last note. Like most things else, however, that M. Heller has written, it is not easy. The passages contain nothing which an average pianist of to-day should not master; but the tone of expression required is subtle, and may escape those who have not some depth of thought and quickness of apprehension. There is a breath of France in it; of the same humour—difficult to define, but impossible to mistake—as that which animates the

music of Couperin and Rameau.

Gigue, Op. 34,—Caprice, Op. 35 (Addison & Co.), are by M. Theodore Ritter; both are well made, insomuch as perpetual motion, which seems a ruling idea with this excellent young pianist, cannot be sustained without sustaining power over progression: variety in figure being hardly required. But M. Ritter's Gique breaks every rule of dancing tra-dition by being in 2/4 tempo. We might as well have a waltz in common time, or that never-forgotten Carnival March by Schumann, where the marchers, being forced into triple measure, must

have limped along on a leg-and-a-half apiece.

Un Ballo in Maschera, Op. 13, and Grand
Galop de Concert, par Arthur Napoléon (Cramer &
Co.), are the first specimens of the talent of the Co.), are the first specimens of the talent of the wonder-player, in writing, which we recollect to have met. They have been already characterized; the wonder-player is in them.—The fantasia on Signor Verdi's opera, however, contains some pages more closely knit than are often to be found in similar fantasias. The theme of the Galop is too small to be worth the trouble of arranging for

concert uses.

We must now be more laconic,—simply announcing Polka Française, Op. 52,—Humming of the Bee (another case of perpetual motion), Op. 53,—and Bonne Humeur,—by R. Löffler (same publishers),—Serenade Romance, by Peter Krispin (same publishers),—Mezza Notte, Nocturne et Valse, (the waltz-theme has some life),—and Il Corricolo, Galop Brillant, by Durand de Grau (same publishers),—Air Bohémien Russe, Varié, by Albert Jungmann, Op. 118 (same publishers), is hardly an air—certainly a phrase not meriting musical compliment—derived from the Russian Gipsies. To the same publishers we are indebted for a Fantasia. the same publishers we are indebted for a Fantasia, by T. W. Naumann, on favourite Scotch airs, the worst of which is worth double of the best foreign gipsy tune that has been treated by any composer, not forgetting the 'Rhapsodies Hongroises' of Dr.

Liszt.

In his "Transcription Fantaisie" of the bridal Epithalamium, in Herr Wagner's 'Lohengrin,' which is Herr Krüger's Op. 106—that much discussed composer's best pages of orchestral effects, and prettiest (if not his only) tune in 'Lohengrin,' are not set off to advantage. The same writer's Op. 105, No. 2, a similar arrangement of the Pitgrim Chorus in Herr Wagner's 'Tannhäuser,' and his Op. 61, a version of the Quatuor from 'Rigoletto' (Signor Verdi's best composition), are open to like

objections. We have also from him a *Polonaise Boléro* (the above, Ewer & Co.). What does the last mean—a Waltz Minuet ?—a Quadrille Hornpipe? We mean that those who profess a style—whatever that be—should understand the style they advertible.

POPULAR CONCERTS.—Now that M. Vieuxtemps is gone, we may say how largely the Quartetts at the Popular Concerts gain by his disappearance; without needlessly annoying an artist, who, however sedulous, and however (in years gone by) imposing, by reason of tone or executive finish, has always been too self-engrossed to be satishas always been too self-engrossed to be satisfactory as a quartett-player; naturally, of late, less so than ever, though encouraged not merely by plaudits, but by the printed raptures of those who should have known better. M. Sainton replaces him, and, on Monday, led Spohr's Quartett in E minor (Op. 45)—albeit this was one of Spohr's solo Quartetts in which the lead was intended to predominate - like an accomplished violinist, more thoroughly alive to the intimate beauties of Spohr's music, than desirous of displaying himself and monopolizing the applause of his audience. M. Halle played 'Les Adieux, Absence et le Retour'— otherwise Beethoven's Sonata, Op. 81 (the only one thus ticketed by himself) —as no pianist in England, except himself, can play it, —later, Beethoven's first Sonata, with violoncello (Signor Piatti), and in a Trio by Haydn. One of the singers was Miss Banks, in a new song by Mr. Macfarren;—and in Dussek's 'Name the glad day, dear.' Of the last we have heard enough, glad day, dear.' Of the last we have heard enough, since, howsoever elegant, it is what the French call "fade"; and songs by dozens of the same date could be disinterred, just as pleasing, if not more so. Madame Sainton - Dolby sang the great scene, 'Divinités du Styx,' from 'Alceste,' with great declamatory power and tenderness; but the air demands the pomp of an orchestra with its trombone-blasts: perhaps, even with those, the stage also. It is interesting, however, for those whose faith does not depend on the effect of the moment, to observe how some desire to know the moment, to observe how some desire to know (to hear and to sing also) this music is penetrating our English people. After a time Gluck (in his sphere) may become as much of a household word as Handel; though the anecdote sticks to him, that Handel declared Gluck (the two were opera rivals in 1745) to know no more of counterpoint than his cook. This is an anecdote in the vulgar tongue,—and this cook may have been that very Herr Waltz, for whom Handel purveyed engagements as an opera-singer.

OLYMPIC.—A new farce was produced on Monday, entitled 'Slowtop's Engagements,' which proved to be another version of the French farce called 'Le Serment d'Horace,' the adaptation of which is due to Mr. C. S. Cheltenham. The plot turns on Slowtop's memorandum-book falling into the hands of Clarence Greyleaf (Mr. Neville), who, the nands of Uarence Gireyleaf (Mr. Neville), who, being a reckless young man of fortune, determines to fulfil the engagements which Slowtop has written down in its blank leaves. These are to purchase some coffee, to propose marriage to Madame Valerie Wappshot (Miss Marston), and to resent an outrage committed by her uncle Bang, a native of New Orleans (Mr. Horace Wigan), from which place the lady has arrived in London under the protection of her fierce Southern relative. Both native of New Orleans (Mr. Horace Wigan), rom which place the lady has arrived in London under the protection of her fierce Southern relative. Both parties are surprised at Greyleaf's sudden intrusion and abrupt declaration of his passion; but the impetuous uncle and rash youth find points of affinity, the latter experiencing the sort of sensation of which he was in search, while the latter esteems the rashness and vehemence of the madcap youth. The lady, too, yields at discretion, and so Greyleaf secures the hand of Slowtop's intended; Slowtop himself having of course, in the absence of his pocket-book, forgotten all his engagements. The slight improbability which forms the basis of the plot excited some disapprobation, but the really good acting of Mr. Wigan, Mr. Neville and Miss Marston conciliated the audience. Mrs. Emden, too, as an English servant, astonished at American eccentricity, was very effective. The piece may, therefore, be pronounced successful.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC GOSSIP.-The annual performance of 'The Creation' by the Sacred Harmonic Society was given yesterday week. The singers were Mdlle. Parepa, Mr. Sims Reeves, and Signor Belletti.—Handel's 'Deborah' will be performed on the last day of this month.

On Saturday last, Mr. Howard Glover's Monster Concert took place. More than forty-five items were included in the programme. The singers and players were almost all the disengaged artists in London of any note, with some new ones of promise; -- among the latter, Miss Anna Hiles, a young lady from the North, of whom report speaks well. How strange it is, with such a proof before us of the amount of disposable fresh voices and rising talent, that the keeping alive, still more the establishment, of musical drama in English should depend on three or four

If a Directory and Register is neither complete, nor correct, its value is very small. The Musical Directory, &c. (Rudall & Co), for 1862, is neither correct nor complete. In page 116, the Musical Union (a chamber society) and the Musical Art-Union (one giving orchestral concerts) are confounded. Page 126 contains information which will astonish the Directors of the Philharmonic Concerts of Liverpool; to wit, that the conductors thereof are Messrs. Z. Herrmann and Charles Halle. How is it that Mr. Lambeth's name is not in the list of Glasgow Professors?—why is that of Madame Tiberini omitted from the list of the Covent Garden Company of 1861? Among the Pianoforte Trios of last year, the most important one published in London-that by M. Silas-does not figure. There is little need to go further. The list of English musical publications for 1861 is defective; were it otherwise, it is to be hoped that such a confirmation, to the fullest, of what we have stated con-cerning the low state of publication in England will not fall into the hands of any foreign critic disposed to be sarcastic on the state of the fine arts in our island.

Mr. Cooper, the violinist, has returned from America, and, with the collaboration of Miss Milner, has been giving representations, we hear, of 'Robin Hood' (quære Mr. Macfarren's or Mr.

Hatton's?) in the provinces.

The English version of Gluck's 'Orpheus' (which, we may add, is now published) will be repeated at one of Mr. C. Halle's Concerts in the Free-Trade Hall, Manchester, on the 30th. The principal singers will be the same as on the former occasion, —Madame Sainton-Dolby and Madame Lemmens-Sherrington.

It is said that M. Stephen Heller will pay a visit to Manchester during the musical season there, bringing with him a concert-piece for two

Herr Taubert's 'Tempest' music, written to Shakspeare's beautiful dream, has excited some attention at Berlin. It is clear that such a play lends itself to musical decoration better than to operatic transformation, for reasons easy to be apprehended—reasons which do not apply to all

apprenented—reasons when do not apply to an the Shakspeare stories.

In the Deutsche Musik-Zeitung, mention is made of a new Symphony, by Herr Herbeck, lately produced at Vienna.—Canon Proske, of Ratisbon, is dead—having left incomplete, it may be feared, that which which the state of the s that valuable collection of ancient Church-music, the publication of which he had commenced some five years ago. There is no feature of German art or literature more vexatious to collectors or students than their habit of commencing the piecemeal issue of elaborate and heavy books, th mination of which not many persons may live to

Lipinski, in his day a famous solo violinist, whose home during many years was at Dresden, died on the 16th of last month, aged seventy-one. He was a native of Poland.—After dis-encouraging (Mrs. Arne's word when she was hissed), if not neglecting, Dr. Marschner, during the late years of that industrious composer's life—his townsmen of Hanover, we perceive, are inviting subscriptions for the erection of a monument to him in that capital. Is the following news true !- that there is to be

Beethoven Museum at Berlin, where many of Beethoven's most valuable manuscripts are said to be already collected in the Royal Library-and that a Vienna publisher (Herr Jokitsch) has presented the King of Prussia with the four quartett instruments which belonged to the composer?

A new opera, in four acts, by Herr Schindel-meister — 'Melusine' — has just been given at Darmstadt. This was the story for which Beethoven was in treaty with Grillparzer. — Mendelssohn's Heimkehr,' a home trifle never meant for the

stage, has been played at Vienna.

The season in Paris does not seem, up to the time present, a brilliant one. There has been a rain of operettas in one act, most of which have fallen and made no sign. At the Grand Opéra, 'La Favorite' has been revived, with Madame Viardot, MM. Michot and Faure. M. Gounod's Reine de Saba' is to make its appearance in the course of February .- M. Grisar's new three-act opera, founded on the story of 'La Chatte Métamorphosée' (an odd subject for an opera, as tempting its prima donna to mew), is shortly to be given at the Théâtre Lyrique, with Madame Cabel as heroine. There also has been just revived Méhul's 'Joseph.' The new theatre, it is now said, will not be ready before August.—At the Italian Opera, 'Lucrezia Borgia' has been sung by Madame Frezzolini; a lady whose career out of Italy has not been fortunate. She only began to be a great singer when her voice (originally a lovely voice) was gone. Under such circumstances, there is always danger of confronting a

Madame Ristori is in St. Petersburg.

A pastoral Symphony, by Count Maximilian
Graziani (one of those musical amateurs who, apparently, will never "cease out of the land" of Italy). has just been played at the Carlo Felice Theatre of Genoa,—the journals assert, with great success.-Once more reverting to the plight of publication at home, by contrast, it may be recorded that Florence seems to have found a musical Baskerville in Signor Guidi, to the beauty of whose hand-editions of scores we can bear testimony. He has, we perceive, added to his list an edition of 'Les Huguenots,' and has received a medal of honour from His Majesty of Sardinia on the occasion. If we have no medals of honour in England, have we no public of students and collectors of

M. About, hitherto one of the most popular and prosperous of modern French authors, must have been surprised, the other evening, by the fate of his 'Gaetana,' a new drama from which much had been expected, produced at the Odéon Theatre. There, in consequence of some allusions not to be endured by the sensitive young gentlemen belonging to the orthodox quarter of the capital, the piece and its actors were treated with a vehement contumely rarely to be met with in the theatres of Paris-however frequent in the French provinces, where the audience sits in judgment on the candi-dates for public favour with a severity which can become brutal. In the present case, politics seem to have been mixed up in the matter. M. Janin tries his best "to keep the balance true," conceives the fate of the play to have been predestined, and then goes on to prove that the play was a bad play, deserving no better reception. Those who like a bit of sharp French theatrical criticism are recommended to a former article by the same critic in the Débats, on the dramas now fashionable in Paris—which depend, as did the revival of the 'Pied de Mouton,' on the assemblage of a horde of women, fantastically dressed, in the great scenes. After pointing out, in piquant language, the despised and vulgarized state of public taste, and indicated the inevitable barrier to the success of such catering,-he winds off with a shrug of the shoulder, a dash of the pen, and an exclamation, 'Ah! and if the women could be only pretty! Last of all, he speaks with apparent serious hope and impression of a new classical actress who has just appeared at the Odéon Theatre, Mdlle. Agar, she attempted a part no less arduous than Phèdre.

M. Remenyi, of whom we have lost sight for some time, is giving concerts at Vienna.-Herr Joachim, we are informed, may possibly come England shortly.

Mdlle. Colmache-Vanéri, whom the public mus recollect as having made one of Mr. Smith's Ita-lian Opera company, has, apparently, changed the language of her theatre, and is about to appear a "leading lady" at Lyons in grand French open among others, in a new one, written expressly for her, on the story of Joan of Arc: a heroine, by the way, more than once treated in opera—amon other composers, by Signor Verdi and Mr. Balfobut till now unsuccessfully.

MISCELLANEA

Female Printers.—Perhaps the following quotation from Stock's 'Memoirs of the Life of Thomas Beddoes, M.D.,' 4to., 1811, may have some interest in connexion with your review of 'The Victoria Regia':-- "One circumstance more relating to this work (a poem on Alexander's Expedition to the Indian Ocean, printed in 1792) should be recorded because it suggests a benevolent hint too valuable to be lost. It was printed in a remote village, and the compositor was a young woman. 'I know not,' says the Doctor, 'if women be commonly engaged in printing, but their nimble and delicate fingen seem extremely well adapted to the office of compositor, and it will be readily granted that employment for females is among the greatest desiderate

of society." —P. 68.

Chronology of the Book of Daniel.—I think you respected Correspondent, Mr. I. W. Bosanquet, would find some light thrown upon the seventy weeks of Daniel, chap. ix., if he examined the translation by Dr. Benisch, a learned Hebrew, whose most faithful work is well deserving his Dr. Benisch alters the stops of the Authorized Version, and inserts the word "in" before "threescore and two weeks," as the genius of the two languages allows. With little more than this slight, and, as I believe, required change, let up compare the whole passage with some of the wellknown facts in history. Verse 25: "From the going forth of a sentence to restore and build Jerusalem unto an anointed one, a leader, will be seven weeks." Until we meet with a difficulty, let us take the most simple and ordinary view of the case—that from the first year of Cyrus, B.C. 535, when he issued his decree that the Jews might return and rebuild their Temple, until the access return and results their temple, that was some sion of Xerxes I., was 7 times 7, or 49 years. The first year of Xerxes was B.c. 486. "And in threscore and two weeks "shall street and ditch be with a single years in traphlous times." If we add built again, even in troublous times. 32 times 7, or 434 years, to the accession of Xerxes I., it brings us to the year B.C. 52. Now, Josephus tells us, in 'Wars,' I. viii. 2 (I quote from Whiston's translation), that in the year B.C. 53. the Jews, under Hyrcanus, began to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem; and though Alexander the son of Aristobulus tried to stop them, he was defeated by the Romans, and Hyrcanus left master of the city to continue his work. Verse 26: "And after the three score and two weeks shall an anointed one be cut off." Josephus further tells us that at this time Aristobulus, the anointed king of the Jews, was defeated in battle by the Roman under Gabinius, and carried prisoner to Italy, and there poisoned. (See 'Wars,' I. viii. 6.) "And the people of the coming leader shall destroy the city and the sanctuary." This was done by Crassus, who then came as successor to Gabinius in command of the Roman armies. (See 'Wars,' I. viii. 8.) Verse 27: "And he shall make a powerful cove-nant with the Many for one week." The government of Judea was at this time changed by the Romans from a monarchy to an aristocracy, here called the Many. (See 'Wars,' I. viii. 5.) Now, this very simple reading of the Book of Daniel, making the sixty-nine weeks, or 483 years, begin with the decree of Cyrus, in B.c. 535, that the walls of Jerusalem might be rebuilt, and end with the rebuilding, which took place in B.C. 52, about the time of the death of King Aristobulus, seems to remove all difficulties, and satisfy all the requirements of the prophecy. Highbury Place, Jan. 13, 1862. SAMUEL SHARPE.

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